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OFFICIAL VISIT: British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher with Crown Prince Fahd soon after her arrival in Riyadh Sunday. Pictures show (top left): the prime minister with Crown Prince Fahd; (top right): standing at attention as the national anthems of both countries are played; (bottom left): shaking hands with the government officials; (bottom right): sitting at a table during the official dinner.

King receives Thatcher; talks resume today

By a Staff Writer

RIVADH, April 19 — King Khaled Sunday received British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and later at night gave a dinner party in her honor. Both functions were attended by Crown Prince Fahd; Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard; Prince Sultan, the defense minister, and a large number of princes, ministers and dignitaries.

The prime minister, who arrived here Sunday from India on a three-day official visit, was welcomed at the airport by Prince Fahd. She will hold official talks Monday with Prince Fahd and afterward pay a visit to the Planning Ministry for a briefing by Minister Hisban Nazer on the progress of the current five-year development program.

She will also attend a British businessman lunch at Oasr Al Riyadh Hotel and will be host to a dinner party by Crown Prince Fahd. Before leaving for the airport Mrs. Thatcher will give a press conference.

British Ambassador James Craig said the visit is an "exploratory one" aimed at realizing a number of goals in the interest of both countries. He said Mrs. Thatcher would like to acquaint herself with the viewpoints of Saudi Arabian leaders on the Middle East problem and issues of mutual interest. The visit will also emphasize his country's desire and great expectations for enhancing the cooperation between the two countries.

The Ambassador in London Sheikh Nasser Al Manqor said the visit will have a great impact on promoting bilateral relations. Britain will be playing a positive role in devising a European initiative for a peaceful settlement on the Middle East issues. Economic relations were excellent and improving rapidly, he said.

British exports to Saudi Arabia increased 17 per cent last year to \$2.5 billion. About 90 per cent of those exports were manufactured goods, machinery, transportation equipment, and chemicals. There are about 35,000 British and 381 British firms with a stake in the Saudi Arabian import market.

Mrs. Thatcher's visit is also expected to be a boost to trade, particularly military sales.

The Iron lady, as the Soviet Union has called her, looked slightly apprehensive as she stepped from a VC-10 airliner into the Kingdom. But she relaxed after a handshake and warm smile from Crown Prince Fahd and after a salute from a guard of honor.

Mrs. Thatcher wore a hat matching her long dress and fabric flowing from it gave the slightest symbolic hint of a veil. Queen Elizabeth two years ago dressed similarly.

Only a small crowd of onlookers gathered at the airport when Mrs. Thatcher arrived. The British embassy arranged visits for her husband, Denis Thatcher, to see oil installations and an insecticide plant while she holds formal talks.

Mrs. Thatcher was joined in Riyadh by her Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Douglas Hurd.

Western diplomats said the crown prince is expected to stress to her in later formal talks the urgent need for progress in settling the Arab-Israeli dispute. In subsequent talks with Saudi Arabian ministers she was expected to promote the 10-nation European Community initiative on the Middle East would eventually involve the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) in peace talks.

After Saudi Arabia, Mrs. Thatcher will visit the United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Oman. The week-long tour of the Gulf states will be the first by a British prime minister.

Earlier the prime minister discussed bilateral and international issues with Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. The two prime ministers, the world's two most powerful stateswomen, twice met privately in the Indian capital. They discussed world problems during their first meeting, and Indian

SR5.7b U contract signed

By Nigel Harvey

JEDDAH, April 19 — The focal SR5.7 billion contract to build Riyadh University's academic cores has been signed with a U.S.-French joint venture, ending years of negotiations and redesign, university officials said Sunday.

The university said the contract had been signed on Saturday with the SS:4S joint venture between Bouygues of Paris and Blount of Mootgomery, Alabama, which had been the lowest bidder when the job was first tendered several years ago. Originally designed for 25,000 students, the new 9 square kilometer campus on the Diriyah road north of Riyadh is the world's largest built from scratch.

The campus will now cater for some 18,000 students including 3,000 graduates and may be ready for the academic year beginning September 1984 if the 44 month wordscale building job progresses smoothly, project sources said. Considerable campus work has already been done for site preparation, housing, sports facilities and a central services complex, they said.

The joint venture's contract is solely for the academic core including a student center, a 2 million book library and administration buildings forming a nucleus. Around them will be colleges of education, administrative sciences, sciences, engineering, agriculture, arts, pharmacy and dentistry, a media center, lecture halls and a dining room. A medical facility is being separately built.

The campus, designed by a U.S.-British joint venture, HOK — 4, is expected to be both beautiful and extraordinarily well equipped. A 5,000 person mosque has been designed already and is expected to be separately built before the major building finishes.

The university said Sunday it was now fully satisfied with the joint venture's construction arrangements. A large sub-contract had been awarded to a Korean consortium, but it has been renegotiated and a separate sub-contract is to be awarded for technically complicated mechanical and electrical work which had been included in the original Korean sub-contract the university said. The officials also said the joint-venture partners would supervise Korean laborers erecting prefabricated concrete units to be manufactured on site under a separate SR 1 billion contract.

In Afghanistan Heavy fighting breaks out

By Shahid Orakzai
Arab News Correspondent

QUETTA, Pakistan, April 19 — Heavy fighting was reported Sunday between the government troops and about a 1,000 Afghan mujahideen for the control of southern city of Kandahar, according to reliable sources. The sources told Arab News that the mujahideen had used helicopters for transporting tanks to the provincial city of Kandahar. A Soviet military division which left Kabul on April 14 as reinforcement met resistance on its way southward.

The sources said this was the first time after the biplan crisis that Soviets had used helicopters for armor reinforcements.

Information received on a wireless set of a Mujahideen Sunday morning also said heavy fighting was going around the governor's house and the provincial offices of education and finance ministries in downtown Kandahar. Mortars and rocket launchers were being used by the freedom fighters and a number of armor vehicles were rendered inoperative.

After being hit by rocket launchers, the information given from a suburb of Kandahar said smoke was rising from different points in the city and the governor's house was reportedly demolished by the heavy mortar-fire.

The sources said that the rebels had also removed important documents from the governor house and some other government offices. The normal life in the city was completely paralyzed during the last four days, which saw the biggest-ever mutiny against Russian occupation.

Meanwhile, a Soviet division which left Kabul on April 14 with about 600 military vehicles, including tanks and armored cars was yet to reach the troubled city. However, about 60 gunships, part of this division, were able to deliver reinforcements to troops in Kandahar.

Radio Kabul reported earlier Saturday that three Afghan rebels were arrested last Wednesday at Kandahar Airport in southwestern Afghanistan, and later confessed to having planned to hijack a domestic airliner to Pakistan.

The broadcast monitored here did not identify the trio but said they were followers of Burhanuddin Rabbani, leader of the Pakistan-based Jamiat Islami group. It said the three included two men and a woman.

The incident followed last month's successful hijacking of a Pakistani domestic jetliner by three gunmen who commandeered the aircraft to Kabul, and then Damascus.

Radio Kabul said Kandahar authorities became suspicious of the woman and before she would board a Kabul-bound flight, detained her and her two male accomplices. She was found carrying a hand grenade and the men had pistols, it said.

They later, "confessed" to having planned to seize control of the plane and force it to land in Quetta, capital of Pakistan's Baluchistan province, about 200 kms. to the south-east, the state-controlled radio said. It quoted the trio as saying that once the plane had been hijacked, Rabbani was to announce a list of demands for the aircraft's release. A spokesman for the Jamiat Islami, reached by telephone in Peshawar said Rabbani was in Lahore and declined to comment on the radio until the leader's return.

Reports reaching New Delhi and Islamabad said that Kandahar, Afghanistan's second largest city, is virtually in control of the nationalists. However, the airport is the site of a large Soviet camp and remains under the authority of the Kabul regime.

In New Delhi, reliable sources said Sunday vengeance was the motive for the murder in a Kabul street last Tuesday of the Afghan deputy secret police commander, Brigadier Ghulam Sakhi Atal.

Returns to Amman Marwan ends Gulf tour

AMMAN, April 19 (Agencies) — Jordanian Foreign Minister Marwan Qassem returned here Sunday after visiting Kuwait and Bahrain where he briefed officials on the talks King Hussein had with U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig recently.

Qassem told pressmen that Jordan had insisted on a total Israeli withdrawal from all Arab lands, the restoration of Palestinian rights and the recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) as the sole representative of the Palestinian people during talks with Haig. Qassem delivered letters to the rulers of Kuwait and Bahrain on the subject.

In Bahrain informed sources said the letters reiterated Jordan's opposition to the American administration's conception of the priorities in the Middle East as expressed by Haig. Jordan's view is that the main danger to the Arab world comes from the Zionist state, and the danger of Soviet expansionism is not at the top list from the Arab point of view.

The Jordanian monarch was also reported to have rejected the idea of the Arab world becoming a party of the American-Soviet confrontation.

Qassem was also reported to have told Kuwaiti and Bahraini officials of renewed American attempts to include Jordan in the Camp David agreements, attempts which were firmly rejected. Haig was told that Jordan considered the Camp David process to be at an end and that the agreements between Egypt and Israel do not tackle the heart of the Middle East crisis. Jordan, Haig was told, does not reject attempts at a peaceful settlement provided they came within the right framework, which is that of the United Nations.

Meanwhile, Qatar's Interior Minister Sheikh Khaled Ben Hamad Althani, left Amman for Qatar after a week's visit to Jordan. "There is no real danger in the Gulf as long as there is no foreign interference in Gulf affairs," the minister told reporters prior to his departure.

Abu Dhabi cuts crude production

ABU DHABI, April 19 (AFP) — The Emirates of Abu Dhabi has cut crude production by 80,000 barrels a day, compared to average output figures for last year, a report from the Emirate's oil department said Sunday.

The disclosure came as oil producers generally are facing an oil glut and as nations not belonging to the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) were reported to have increased production last year. The report said that the Emirates cut output at their Abu Dhabi oil field twice last year. The reductions were ordered as part of a program to conserve national wealth, the report said.

It added that output last year averaged 1,354,000 barrels a day, while daily production was put at 1,274,000 barrels early this year. An oil industry source here said that oil-consuming countries have adopted a joint stand toward producing countries, especially

on the premiums that the oil countries have been adding to their normal prices.

Some observers believe that talks now underway between Western Europe and Japan on one hand, and Kuwait and Qatar on the other, for delivery of an additional 350,000 barrels will be a test of strength.

Low output levels earlier this year were in line with daily crude production of 24.7 million barrels by all OPEC countries — the lowest level in several years. These cuts were intended to counter the current oil glut.

Kuwait cut production by 23.5 per cent, Nigeria by 10.7 per cent and Venezuela by eight per cent during 1980. Drops in Libyan and Syrian crude output were also considerable. While the world's daily oil production was generally down to 157.8 million barrels a day during this period, Saudi Arabia has increased its production since the end of 1980, from 9.5 million barrels a day to 10.3 million barrels.

Divorce report on Danish queen angers court

COPENHAGEN, April 19 (AFP) — Court officials in Denmark reacted angrily Sunday to a British newspaper report that Queen Margrethe's 14-year marriage to Prince Henrik is on the rocks.

Marshall of the court Hans Soelhoej said that Wednesday's Daily Express story was "gibberish from start to finish."

The paper's gossip columnist had reported "excited chatter among Copenhagen's courtiers that the once so-called fairy-tale marriage of Queen Margrethe and her French-born husband is about to end in divorce." It was no secret that the couple lived not only in separate bedrooms but in separate wings of the Copenhagen Royal Palace, columnist William Hickey said.

"The problem would appear to have begun in January 1972 when Margrethe succeeded her father King Frederik, and Henrik had great difficulty playing a secondary role," Hickey wrote.

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Bangladesh talks held

RIYADH, April 19 (SPA) — Interior Minister Prince Naif met here Sunday with the visiting Bangladesh Interior Minister Mustafizur Rahman and his accompanying delegation. The meeting was attended by Deputy Interior Minister Prince Ahmad and Deputy Interior Minister Dr. Ibrahim Al-Awaji.

Cordial talks were exchanged about bilateral relations at the meeting. Prince Naif welcomed the visit of the Bangladesh minister and said that relations between the two countries is based on the spirit of Islamic fraternity. "We are prepared to discuss whatever the guest wants to be discussed," he added. Meanwhile, the Bangladesh minister

expressed the hope that his visit would contribute to promoting bilateral relations and deeper understanding between the two countries. He added that his visit comes at the invitation of Prince Naif.

Mustafizur Rahman said his country's geographic location makes Bangladesh a neighbor to several non-Islamic countries. That increases Bangladesh's certain desire to meet with leaders of Islamic countries and promote its relations with states of the Muslim world, he added.

The Bangladeshi official arrived in Riyadh earlier in the morning as part of his visit to the Kingdom. He was received by Prince Naif, Prince Ahmad and Dr. Awaji.



AWARD: Sheikh Ahmad Salah Jamjoom, agent for Hino Motors received a shield from General Manager Araka in recognition of being the top selling agent in the Middle East. The ceremony coincided with the 200,000th truck made by Hino being shipped to the Kingdom.

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Medina governor opens charity show

MEDINA, APRIL 19 (SPA) — Medina Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen Saturday opened the Second Annual Exhibition and Charity Bazaar of Taiba Feminine Society here. The prince toured the exhibition and expressed his admiration for the art and handicraft works on display.

Prince Abdul Mohsen then inaugurated an exhibition organized by Medina's Traffic Department on the occasion of Traffic Week in Saudi Arabia. He urged motorists to respect traffic regulations for their own safety.

The prince was accompanied by Medina Deputy Governor Saad Al-Nasser Al-Sudairi; Medina Police Commander Maj. Gen. Muhammad Niaz Murad; and other officials.

Communication ties firm

RIYADH, April 19 (SPA) — The Communications Minister of Qatar said there were constant contacts between his country and the Kingdom to bolster cooperation and exchange expertise because of the remarkable similarities between the two systems.

Algeria receives loan

JEDDAH, April 19 (SPA) — Algeria will receive \$45 million from the Islamic Development Bank to import industrial goods. An agreement to this effect was signed here Sunday at the bank's headquarters.

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ABU DHABI, April 19 (WAM) — Indonesian Foreign Minister Dr. Mokhtar Kusuma Atmadja left here Sunday morning for home via Kuwait, wrapping up a visit of 10 days to the United Arab Emirates.

While here the Indonesian minister met with President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al-Nahyan and reviewed with him a number of Arab and international issues.

He also met with a number of government senior officials and discussed with them means of promoting bilateral co-operation in various fields. The minister, who concluded his tour which took him along with the UAE, to Oman, Bahrain, Qatar and Kuwait was seen off at Abu Dhabi International Airport by his UAE counterpart Rashid Abdalla and Abdul Latif Taman, Indonesian charge d'affaires.

ABU DHABI, April 19 (WAM) — Bu Alam Baqi, the Algerian minister of justice arrived here Sunday on an official visit of several days to the United Arab Emirates.

The Algerian minister said on arrival that his visit was aimed at signing an agreement for judicial co-operation between the UAE and Algeria, the move he said will promote the brotherly relations between the two countries.

He was greeted at the airport by Muhammad Abdul Rahman Al Bakr, the UAE minister of justice; Obaid Rashid Al-Aqroubi, the ministry's assistant under-secretary; and Al Hashimi Al-Qadouri, Algerian Ambassador to the UAE.

ABU DHABI, April 19 (WAM) — Sheikh Tahnoon bin Muhammad, Abu Dhabi ruler's representative in the Eastern Region on and chairman of the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company ADNOC Sunday signed an agreement with a British consultant company to lay down the designs and supervise the building of a major plant to treat natural gas from Tamama oil field.

According to the agreement, Flour Mideast Company Ltd will also supervise the purchasing of the equipment and select competent contractors to construct the project.

An ADNOC spokesman said the agreement is in the framework of the company's plan to secure natural gas for the industrial projects in Abu Dhabi and Ruwais industrial area, some 200 km. north west of here. "The associated gas produced by other oil fields is not sufficient for industrial purposes due to the progress made this field," he added.

The project is expected to be completed with annual production capacity of 450 million cubic feet of natural gas and will meet the natural gas requirements of the emirate of Abu Dhabi to operate electric generators, desalination plants and other factors in Abu Dhabi and Al-Ruwais.

The natural gas from Tamama oil field will be brought into Abu Dhabi and Ruwais through networks of pipelines to be built by ADNOC.

SHARJAH, April 19 (WAM) — Sheikh

Sultan bin Muhammad Al-Qassimi, one of the UAE seven-member Supreme Council and ruler of Sharjah Sunday received Shouhn Ahmed Sadiq, the Bangali minister of trade who is currently on a visit to the UAE.

Bilateral trade relations and means of boosting them were reviewed at the meeting which was also attended by Muhammad Muhsin the Bangladesh ambassador to the UAE.

Earlier Sheikh Sultan met with Philip Choi,

South Korean ambassador to the UAE during which reviewed means of promoting bilateral co-operation in the industrial and trade fields.

DUBAI, April 19 (WAM) — Saeed Al Ragham, the UAE minister of agricultural and fisheries left here Sunday for Rome, Italy, leading the UAE delegation to the meetings of the 15th session of the Food and Agriculture Organization's (FAO) regional conference for the Near East due to open Tuesday.

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Riyadh expo termed successful

Agriculture shows to increase

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, April 19 — Agricultural exhibitions will be held periodically in Saudi Arabia, Dr. Abdo Saud Al-Mash'adi, the dean of Riyadh University's faculty of agriculture and general

supervisor of exhibitions has told Arab News.

The decision was prompted by the success of the third two-week exhibition held here recently under the auspices of the faculty of agriculture and a number of private and government firms. The exhibi-

tion had been opened by Riyadh Deputy Governor Prince Sattam who stressed that such exhibitions help the citizen acquaint himself with the agricultural advancement in his country and the latest farming equipment.

Mash'adi said Saturday that the agricultural sector is gaining more and more importance in Saudi Arabia as a result of the population's growing need for foodstuffs and the national industries' primary goods requirements during the Kingdom's overall development boom.

The agricultural sector greatly developed in the past few years as a result of new methods being followed for vertical and horizontal expansion. The introduction of new methods aims at diversifying the sources of national income and raising the farmers' living standard. A certain degree of self-sufficiency has been attained, lessening the need to import certain agricultural items, the official said.

In another development, five studies have been presented to the National Center for Science and Technology by the Faculty of Agriculture of Riyadh University. One of them is connected with the designing of canals, as well as the distribution and planning of Jizan Valley Irrigation Projects. *Al-Riyadh* newspaper reported. The report said the study has



GATEWAY: Machinery and banners serve as a backdrop to Riyadh's agricultural exhibition. Dean of Riyadh University's faculty of agriculture, Dr. Abdo Saud Al-Mash'adi, said as a result of the shows success, more exhibitions will be planned.

been conducted jointly by the faculty of agriculture and the faculty of engineering of Riyadh University.

The second study has to do with the improvement of poultry in the Kingdom, while the third study concerns the use of sea herbs and garbage as plant fertilizers.

The fourth study is related to the improvement of the productivity of citrus fruits in the Kingdom, and the last deals with agricultural guidance. *Al-Riyadh* said the studies are considered of utmost importance since they will serve the Saudi Arabian society and social structure. The

National Center for Science and Technology also is financing a study connected with the irrigation systems of Jizan Region. It also will finance another study on the use of solar energy for irrigation purposes.

According to the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency's 1979 annual report, development of agriculture and water resources has received high priority in government policies and programs with the objective of diversifying the Kingdom's economy and reducing its dependence on imported agricultural products.

Majed asks for study on foreign labor

MAKKAH, April 19 (SPA) — Makkah Governor Prince Majed has called on the chambers of commerce and industry to study the causes of the defection of foreign labor and their effects on the labor in particular and on the economy in general.

Speaking at a businessmen party here Saturday night the prince blamed some nationals for the defection, and said that foreign expatriates were encouraged by the cover given to them by some nationals.

He dwelt on state assistance to encourage trade and industry and landed the high standard of local products. He said that part of the success was due to the chambers of commerce in various parts of the Kingdom, which helped remove obstacles in the way of commerce, industry and agriculture.

On other subjects, Prince Majed said that land was for sale 25 kilometers from here for the construction of warehouses. Requests will soon have to be submitted to Makkah Municipality.

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COMMENT

By Muhammad Al-Wazzan
Al Bilad

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher is visiting this region for the first time, and it is likely to play a positive role in evolving a realistic stance on the issues of the region, mainly the issue of Palestine. It is hoped that the outcome of her talks will give a new spur to the British policy toward these issues.

Although London's stance on the issues of this region is well-known, it is hoped that the personal view of the British prime minister would be in support of Arab stances, especially in regard to confrontation of any attempts made by the big powers under such pretexts as the preservation of peace and stability of the region. She will hear in mind that the leaders of the Gulf region have said time and again that the security of the region is the prime concern of the Gulf states themselves. Meanwhile, political observers emphasize

that the British role in the region is not so much centered on the political aspects as on economic interests. It is so because the reinforcement of economic relations and a correct understanding of its dimensions would be instrumental in the revival of the British economy. Some political analysts also say that London does not want to see Communist domination of any part of the Gulf region and, therefore, continues to denounce the Soviet role in Afghanistan.

In view of the changing situations in the world, it is easy to surmise that London is anxious to play a basic role, so it can employ its policy to serve the country's economy. Although Mrs. Thatcher's economic program has achieved some success, it is yet to give the government a feeling of complete success. The Gulf region, with its enormous economic wealth, would prevail upon Britain to support its issues out of a total conviction that the region has a significant role to play at the world level.

Kingdom, Bahrain hold customs talks

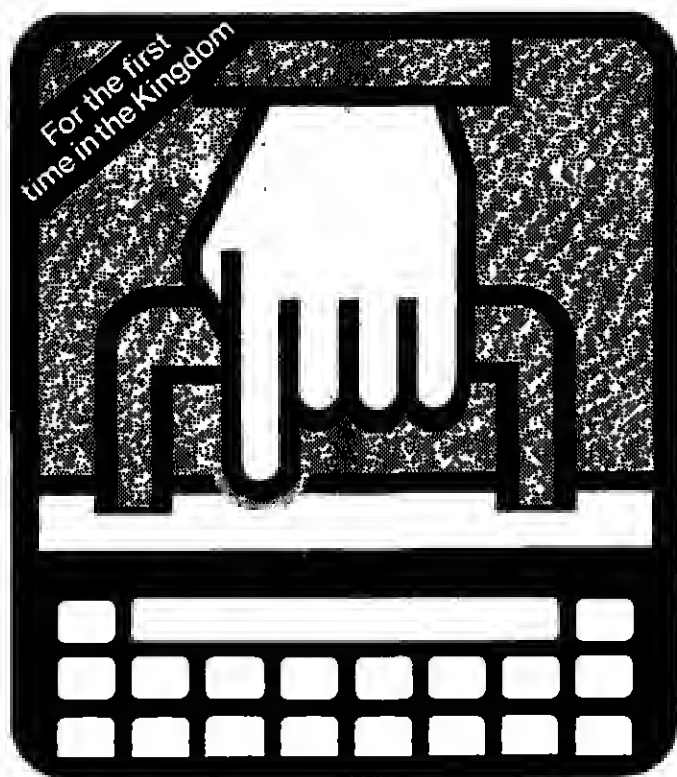
DHAHRAN, April 19 (SPA) — A three-day meeting of the Technical Committee on Customs between Saudi Arabia and Bahrain opened here Saturday evening. Abdul Karim Al-Nasser, director of tariffs and barriers at the Customs Department is leading the Saudi delegation, while Khalil Al-Mutawwe'e,

director of customs, is leading the Bahraini side.

High on the agenda is coordination between the two countries' customs department, the unification of customs procedures, import methods and related customs, the standardization of forms to be filled for the import and

export of products between the two countries, the exchange of data on the shipment of goods and the various types of smuggling. Other topics to be discussed include the shipment of commodities between the two countries and the possibility of training of Bahraini customs officials in Saudi Arabia.

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Whilst the exhibition takes place at the Al-Dhiafa Exhibition Centre, the Conference, the theme of which is "Uses of Educational Technology" takes place at the Intercontinental Hotel on 27th and 28th April 1981.

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Sporadic fighting in Beirut

Rightist shelling hits 30 in Sidon

BEIRUT, April 19 (Agencies) — At least 10 persons were killed or wounded in Sidon Sunday when Maj. Saad Haddad's right-wing Christian militia shelled the center of the town, correspondents reported.

One shell fell outside a cafe on a main street, injuring over 20 persons and killing at least one, the reports said. The town was badly damaged and shops were burning in the main commercial area, the sources said. They added that shops had quickly closed their shutters and streets were deserted.

Earlier Sunday, a heavy artillery clash erupted between the rightist militia entrenched along the Israeli border and nationalist-Palestinian units in their stronghold at Nabatiyeh.

Rightwing sources said three Lebanese militiamen were killed and one was seriously wounded when their half-track struck a land

mine west of Marjayoun Sunday. The incident was inside the enclave controlled by Haddad, the sources said.

According to nationalist-Palestinian sources, the Israeli army recently also set up a helicopter base close to Marjayoun. Sunday's reports from the region added that a unit of Haddad's militia had kidnapped three shepherds from the nearby U.N.-controlled zone Saturday night, taking them to the militia's border enclave.

In Beirut, sporadic firing continued Sunday after the suburb of Ashrafieh came under heavy shelling overnight.

The besieged city of Zahle was meanwhile said to be clam for the first time in weeks.

In a related development, Syria's Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam said Saturday that Syria opposes attempts to involve the United Nations in the crisis in Lebanon.

Insistence by PNC

'PLO only should allocate funds'

DAMASCUS, April 19 (R) — The Palestinian parliament-in-exile has insisted that the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) should have sole responsibility for allocating funds to the occupied territories, a function hitherto shared with Jordan.

A joint PLO-Jordanian coordination committee was set up at an Arab summit in Baghdad in 1978 to send money to Palestinians in the occupied territories for aid projects, military operations and other purposes. But a recommendation adopted Saturday by the Palestine National Council (PNC) spoke of "the determining role of the PLO in the joint coordination committee."

It said the organization had "sole responsibility for supporting the steadfastness of the Palestinian people in the occupied territories, and for deciding how the money allocated for their solidarity be spent."

It urged the PLO leadership to press Arab states at future Arab summits to put support funds at the sole disposal of the PLO.

But the recommendation called on the Jordanian authorities to provide administrative facilities needed for getting the funds to their destination, Palestinian sources said the

PNC appeared to have reached a compromise on the issue under pressure from hardliners demanding PLO withdrawal from the committee with Jordan.

Some sources speculated that the Amman government would not accept a resolution, which deprived it of any say in the spending of the money, while expecting "administrative facilities."

Radical speakers at the PNC session, which began here on April 11, have barbed criticized Jordan, accusing it of preventing the PLO from functioning politically or militarily on its territory. They have also accused Jordan's King Hussein of moving toward a deal with Israel on the West Bank, an allegation repeatedly denied by the monarch.

Meanwhile, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) has rejoined the PNC Executive committee after a seven-year boycott. "Our return to the PLO executive committee is a step on the road toward unity," spokesman said. "We support the inclusion of all commando organizations in the committee because we all fight in one trench against a common enemy (Israel), he added.

In an interview published by the Syrian News Agency SANA, Khaddam said Syria and the majority of Lebanese and Arabs opposed attempts to internationalize the Lebanese crisis.

These attempts were "aimed at establishing a sectarian statelet that would justify the Zionist concept of establishing the racist Jewish state in Palestine." France and the United States considered sending some form of international force to take over peacekeeping duties in Lebanon from the all-Syrian Arab Deterrent Force (ADF), but have now apparently dropped the idea in the face of Arab opposition.

Khaddam said the U.N. peacekeeping force in southern Lebanon had been unable to prevent Israel from occupying part of the area or imposing control through Haddad.

He described the French initiative as "the biggest insult to some of our Lebanese brothers" and said it was aimed at "making then a protectorate of this or that state." The flare-up in Beirut and Zahle was linked with the Middle East tour this month by U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig, he said.

Three Mauritians sentenced to death

ALGIERS, April 19 (R) — A military court sentenced three Mauritians to death in their absence for taking part in the abortive military coup in Nouakchott last month, the Algerian News Agency reported from the Mauritanian capital.

It identified them Saturday as Haba Ould Muhammad Vall, his brother Mahmourzoull Muhammad Vall, and Ahmad N' Diack. They were accused of helping a group of dissident Mauritanian officers who tried to take over the presidential palace and other official buildings March 16.

Four coup leaders were executed last month after being sentenced to death by a military court. The Mauritanian government has accused Morocco of masterminding the attempted coup and broken diplomatic relations. Morocco has denied any involvement.

On Middle East
American Arabs condemn TV film

WASHINGTON, April 19 — The Palestine Congress of North America (PNCA) has condemned ABC's television feature "Terrorism in the Middle East" aired April 2 as the most biased program ever shown on American television. This has been done with a malicious intention of antagonizing American public opinion toward the Palestinian people, PNCA said in a statement.

It said the program will have a negative effect on building a genuine understanding of the problems in the Middle East which is essential for a real peace in the area. PNCA and other Arab-American and human rights organizations in the United States, including the Association of Arab American University Graduates and American Arab Discrimination Committee, have joined together in demanding equal time to reply to the ABC feature's distortions, misinformation and biased perspectives.

PNCA said that the producers of the feature never cared to interview any Palestinian or Lebanese victims of Israel's "preemptive strikes" in South Lebanon while portraying an Israeli victim of the Nabatiyeh raid. It also took note of the fact that Palestinian freedom fighters were painted as terrorists and as many as 58 such references were made about

them, whereas the attacking Israelis were portrayed as fulfilling their responsibilities to their country.

PNCA also objected to the interjection of unsubstantiated opinion by correspondent Gerald Rivera into the narrative such as that "without question" a Palestinian state would have a large "debt to the Soviet Union" and thus would be a "revolutionary government and a threat to the region". It added that a lot of incorrect information of the above kind had been given as facts.

PNCA cited the case of the death of Phalangist leader Gamayel's daughter. The

TV feature attributed her death to the Palestinians when all the press accounts, including that of the Phalangists themselves, were agreed that her death was due to inter-Christian rivalry.

The American Arabs also said the feature completely overlooked the crucial issue of continued military occupation of Palestinian lands by Israel, not to say of the denial of national and human rights to the Palestinians.

It also noted that the distorted feature has committed a great disservice to the American people, the peoples of the Middle East and the cause of peace.

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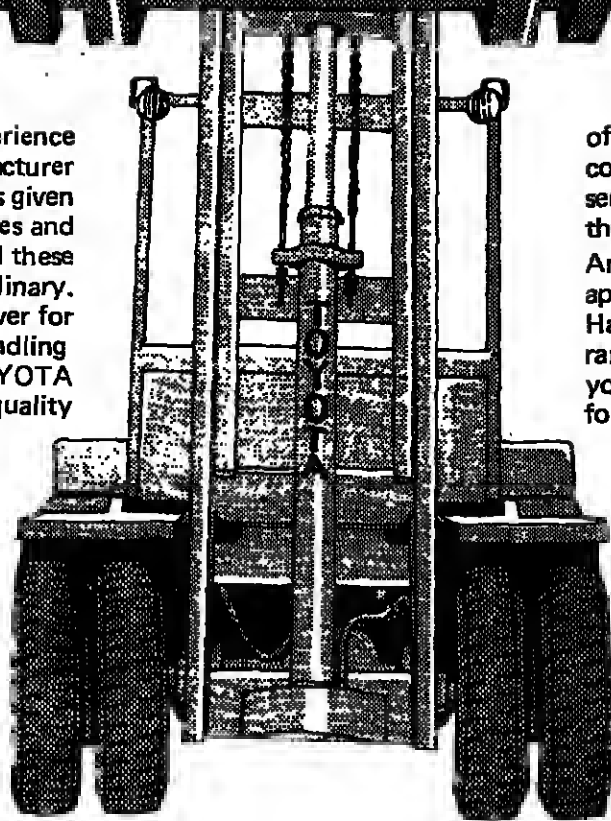
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KUWAIT. (AFP) — Indonesia's Foreign Minister Mochtar Kusumaatmadja arrived here Sunday from the United Arab Emirates on a three-day visit. Mochtar, who is on the sixth leg of a Gulf tour, will discuss with Kuwaiti officials the boosting of bilateral relations and the latest developments on the international scene.

CAIRO, (AFP) — Nearly 300 mummies have been dug up in the Egyptian desert, giving archaeologists their most important find since the 1922 discovery of the tomb of boy-king Tutankhamun, press reports said Sunday.

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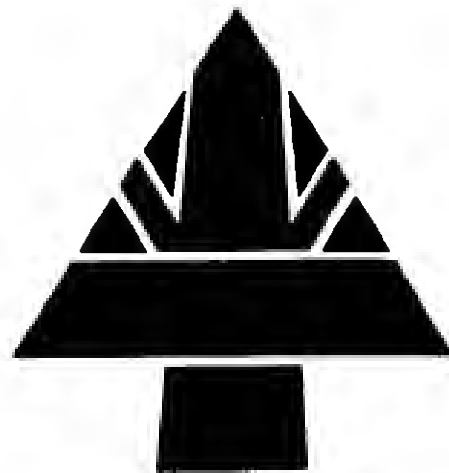
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Britain struggles to stay in arms race

By Rodney Pinder

LONDON —

Britain, still one of the world's richer nations despite its economic malaise, is struggling to keep up in the international arms race. But fear and suspicion of Soviet intentions drive it on. The Conservative government of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher believes the nation must stay in the marathon despite the drain on its economic health until all competitors agree to quit.

Meanwhile, it is urgently seeking new ways to shed weight and rearrange its strength in order to keep its end up in the Western defense race with the Eastern Bloc. The trials of Britain's military planners were graphically illustrated in this year's defense estimates documents published this week.

They spelled out in unprecedented detail the arguments for staying in the arms race, the cost of doing so — and disclosed that this year Britain cannot meet the goal urged by the West's pacemaker, the United States.

Official figures showed Britain will not attain the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) target of a three per cent real increase in spending in 1981-82. It will be fortunate just to keep abreast with inflation, while hoping to regain lost ground in subsequent years.

The main thrust behind the document is that in this time of super technology and astronomically sophisticated weapons systems even a national budget of \$26 billion, which is what Britain plans to spend in the current year, can leave a modern European defense force looking threadbare in places.

Britain has had to cut procurements of ammunition, fuel and oil and essential spares so that its 330,000-strong volunteer armed forces have been restricted in training and deployment. A standing joke amongst some officers is that soldiers are spending more time playing war games on boards than in tanks.

Many of Britain's warships and planes are fitted with outdated or obsolete weapons because the country cannot afford new delivery platforms as well as new items to deliver. The defense documents gave a sample price list for a British military purchaser in 1980: One new frigate, \$265 million; one ground-attack jet, \$25 million, one tank, \$3.3 million; one rifle, \$660; one bullet, 33 cents.

Britain, West Germany and France spent about the same last year to stay in the second league of NATO powers. With recession-blit economies and constant voter demands for more and better jobs, homes and services, other European nations are also struggling to maintain the furious pace set by the superpowers.

Britain says the United States spent \$140.5 billion on defense last year and the Soviet Union about \$120 billion. The defense documents said that in that one year the Soviet Union added to its arsenal 250 Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles (ICBM), at least 1,300 combat aircraft, more than 400 helicopters, more than 3,000 tanks, five major surface ships, at least nine nuclear-powered submarines and four conventional submarines.

Britain's total defense forces can only muster 64 ICBM, 713 combat aircraft and 1,201 tanks.

"It is the association of immense military power with a hostile and expansionist ideology which makes the Soviet Union a potential threat to the West," the defense documents said. Ironically, NATO's supreme commander in Europe, Gen. Bernard Rogers, told reporters recently that the Soviet argument for arming would probably be identical. Just exchange the words "West" and "Soviet Union."

Ninety-five per cent of Britain's defense budget is devoted to containing the Soviet Union. The money, \$450 a year for every person in the 55 million population, accounts for 5.2 per cent of a shrinking Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Both conservative and Labor governments have taken the perceived Soviet menace seriously since 1945. Britain has consistently devoted a higher proportion of its GDP to defense than any of its NATO allies except the U.S. A key question is how much longer this can last.

For the first time Britain's opposition Labor Party, waiting in the wings for power, is committed to unilateral nuclear disarmament. Its leader, Michael Foot, has pledged to fight arms spending in a deprived and dangerous world. Disarmament could play a major role in the campaign for Britain's next election, due by 1984. Labor's assertion that millions of Britons want to drop out of the \$500 billion a year arms race may soon be put to the test. (R)

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Communists may hold key to French elections

By Gregory Macarthur

LYON, France —

Georges Marchais is the man Frenchmen cannot ignore. They tune in every time the Communist presidential candidate appears on television to denounce the government in his booming voice. He brags that his ratings outstrip the soccer matches and the Sunday night movie.

The party faithful listen to bear the word, the conservatives watch in fascinated horror and the Socialists tune in with apprehension. The common wisdom is that the 60-year-old former metal worker is more interested in blocking the rise of the Socialist Party than in promoting a victory by a unified left in the upcoming presidential election.

After the first round on April 26, most polls show incumbent Valéry Giscard d'Estaing and Socialist Francois Mitterrand neck and neck in the May 10 runoff. The influence of the Communists, who usually draw 20 per cent of the vote in the first round, could be decisive. In the first round, the presence of Marchais, neo-Gaullist Jacques Chirac and six minor party candidates virtually assure that no one will receive the majority needed for an outright victory.

The Socialist-Communist alliance for the 1978 national legislative elections appeared headed for success when Marchais started attacking the Socialists late in the campaign. The center-right coalition held, and many leftists blamed Marchais for wrecking the "union of the left."

While preaching alliance, Marchais began his campaign by criticizing Mitterrand's "bourgeois political orientation" and insisting that any future coalition government with the Socialists include Communist ministers, something Mitterrand — courting the moderate vote — says he will not

accept. Many observers felt the issue of Communist ministers was deliberately raised to scare the moderates away and insure a conservative victory.

The idea of a unified left, and the realization that it is the only way to end 23 years of conservative rule, remains strong among Socialists and Communists, and Marchais recently has softened his attacks against Mitterrand. "We must beat Giscard, and to do so we must have a unified left," he declared last week at a campaign rally in Lyon, France's second largest city. However, he also insisted again on Communist ministers, saying, "it is inconceivable to ask for Communist support and then exclude Communists from the government."

Lyon is traditionally bourgeois and went for Giscard by a 56-44 per cent margin in the 1974 presidential election, which Mitterrand lost by 1.6 per cent of the national vote.

With the help of four special trains and several hundred chartered buses, Marchais and his party drew an estimated 30,000 people to the city's soccer stadium. The three other major candidates used the indoor Palais des Sports, which has a capacity of only about 15,000, for their rallies here.

In a nearly two-hour speech, Marchais hit on his familiar themes, blaming Giscard for France's 7.3 per cent unemployment and 12.7 per cent inflation and promising to nationalize all industry, confiscate individual earnings above \$100,000, shorten the work week to 35 hours and expand paid vacation time from four to five weeks.

Other main points included shutting off the flow of immigrant workers to France and launching an all-out campaign against drugs. The first issue is seen as an overt appeal to lower class bigotry and the second an attempt to portray the Communist Party as moral guardian of French values threatened by "decadent bourgeois society."

The crowd seemed genuinely enthusiastic. Women strained for a look at the candidate and men rushed up to kiss him on both cheeks as he toured the stadium after the singing of the "Marseillaise" and the "Internationale."

The sense of working class identity is strong in France, and Marchais hopes to make sure it remains linked to the Communist Party. The rise of the Socialist Party from just about 5 per cent of the electorate 10 years ago to well over 25 per cent at this point is the reason many observers believe Marchais secretly hopes for Giscard's victory in May.

Despite trumpeting the need for a unified left, his speech here was peppered with warnings against trusting leaders from any milieu except the working class. Mitterrand is a lawyer. — (AP)

Letter to the editor

Sir,
I refer to the letter by William A. Rensik published February 19. You have already appropriately explained the point raised by the writer. I have to make a few comments about his observations on international coverage in your newspaper. I happened to be in New York in October last, when President Zia ul-Haq of Pakistan addressed the U.N. General Assembly on behalf of the OIC i.e. 800 million Muslims of the world. The next day a newspaper like *The Washington Post* found the event to be "unit to print," and *The New York Times* published a front page story in the nature of comments mainly containing its disapproval of Zia's handling of the Palestine issue, because he strongly criticized the American pro-Israel policy. Two days after this, Zia had an hour long meeting with President Jimmy Carter. This event was reported by *The Washington Post* in "Personalia" column. *The New York Times* did publish a picture taking up 48 square inches of space on the front page, but there was no news about it. Even the welcoming speech of Carter was not published.

On Oct. 5, there was a meeting of the Islamic foreign ministers at the U.N. relating to the Palestine issue. This event too, could not find any place in the American newspapers.

So, this is the American newspapers' standard and style of coverage of international or non-American news. At a meeting with senior journalists here, I pointed out this matter, and the reply was that the coverage naturally depends on the "relative importance" of the events, as evaluated by the editors or publishers.

In his book *Zionist Connection*, the famous Jewish author and journalist, Eliezer Lelinhai has done quite a good research on the American newspapers' coverage of the Middle East, particularly about their bias toward the Zionist entity Israel. I will advise William to have a good look at this book. Being on a brief visit to Saudi Arabia these days, I have found that the standard of "relative importance" of the news from outside, in *Arab News* is, if not a 100 times, at least 50 times better than the American newspapers. Our friend William will be better advised to draw the attention of the American journalists to the poor coverage of non-American news in their newspapers.

Twenty years,
Zia ul-Islam Ansari
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Saudi Arabian Press Review

Newspapers Sunday mostly led with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's three-day official visit to Saudi Arabia beginning Sunday. Bilateral relations and the European initiative on the Middle East issue will be the major topics of discussion between Mrs. Thatcher and Crown Prince Fahd, they said. Meanwhile, *Al Nadwa* gave lead coverage to rising commando operations against Israel, and *Al Riyadh* with Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal's visit to Nepal, which brought an end to his Asian tour of five countries including India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

Newspapers frontpaged a message which King Khaled received from Sultan Qaboos bin Said of Oman. They further gave page one highlight to a statement by U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig, who reportedly said that any refusal to sell arms to Saudi Arabia would constitute "a serious setback" in bilateral relations. Newspapers also played on their front pages Prince Saud Al-Faisal's reaffirmation in Kathmandu that the solution of the Middle East problem lies in the Israeli withdrawal and the Soviet presence in Afghanistan is a flagrant violation of the U.N. charter.

The reported return of tension between Algeria and Morocco was frontpaged by *Al Riyadh* which reported that King Hassan II of Morocco has appealed to the U.N. Secretary General to intervene to stop attacks by "foreign forces."

Newspaper editorials mostly concentrated on the British prime minister's visit to the Kingdom. *Al Medina* said in an editorial that Britain is conscious of the Palestine issue as the main problem of the region — a fact that ought to be included in the European initiative. The paper added that Mrs. Thatcher's meeting with Crown Prince Fahd would provide her an opportunity to get acquainted with the Kingdom's views on many issues. The meeting will also help in the reinforcement and development of bilateral relations, it said.

On the same subject, *Al Riyadh* noted that the British premier's visit to the Kingdom takes place within the context of Britain's keen desire to develop its economic ties with Saudi Arabia and other countries of the Gulf. On the political aspect, the paper hoped that the recent developments in the British stance on the Middle East crisis would almost pave the way for the British government leader to streamline her country's relations with most of the Arab states, mainly the states of the Gulf. It was also hopeful that Mrs. Thatcher would return with an image completely different from the views of British people on the Gulf region.

Al Nadwa observed editorially that Mrs. Thatcher would realize through her talks with the Kingdom's officials that any cooperation with Saudi Arabia and other states of the region, would be based on the extent of Britain's and other countries' understanding of the aims and aspirations of the peoples of this region. The paper, however, emphasized that Britain should keep it in mind that, for any cooperation with the Kingdom and other states of the Gulf, the Palestine issue and independence and sovereignty of the Gulf Arab states will have to be given foremost consideration.

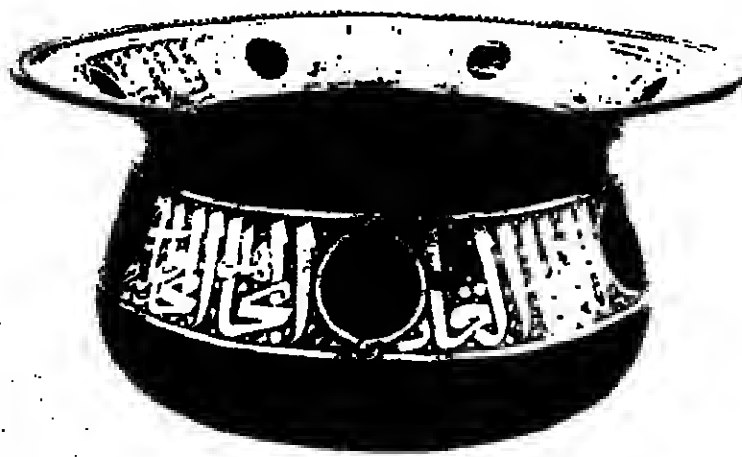
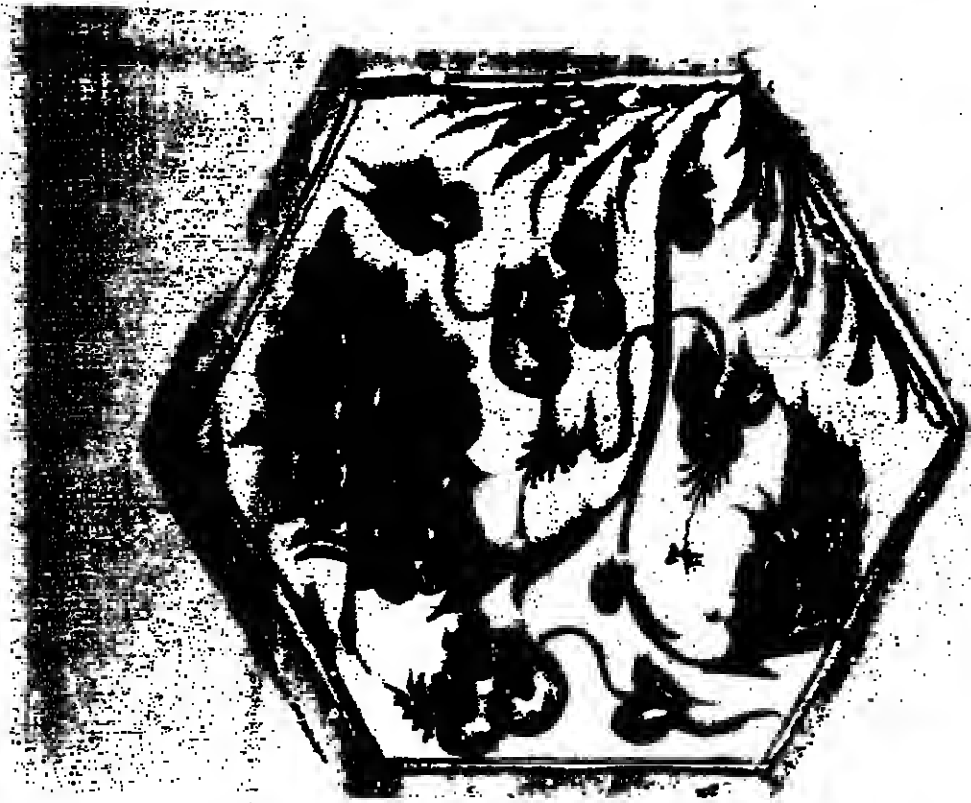
Al Bilad noted in an editorial that Saudi-British relations give a new dimension to Euro-Arab ties. Mutual visits among the leaders of Saudi Arabia and Europe are symbolic of a real bridge of complete mutual understanding, said the paper, adding that Mrs. Thatcher's visit is considered as a continuation of the Euro-Arab dialogue on matters of common concern. The paper hoped that Britain would adopt a new stance after the British prime minister ends her visit and understands the many basic aspects of the crisis issues.

On the other hand, *Okaz* dealt with U.S. Secretary of State Haig's remarks on the supply of arms to Saudi Arabia. It said that America's response to Saudi Arabian requests for arms is a good indication of the U.S. decision-makers beginning to get rid of the Zionist influence. The U.S. gesture would be considered a positive step toward the consolidation of bilateral ties, the paper said. It added that, unlike Israel, Saudi Arabia makes payment for its arms purchases, which are meant for self-defense and not for committing aggression on anyone. The paper held the view that the U.S. congressmen's agreement with their government's policy would tend to convince many in this region that the U.S. takes independent decisions uninfluenced by alien machinery. It also reminded that Saudi Arabia has already made it clear that it was in favor of diversification of the resources of arms, in order to be always ready to protect its independence and sovereignty from any hostile attack.



Russia: "Give up Poland, and I will give you El Salvador."
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Al Bilad

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MAMLUK ART: An exhibition of Mamluk art is being organized in the United States. Among the 130 objects that will be on display the picture shows three of them. At left is a hexagonal tile with asymmetrical design with underglaze painted in blue and turquoise; brass basin inlaid with silver and copper (center); and wooden Quran box plated with brass and inlaid with silver and gold.

America opens door to Mamluk art

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Mamluks, originally 13th century bodyguards for the rulers of Egypt and Syria, rose to become one of the major ruling classes of the Middle Ages, commanding those countries for 250 years. Their cultural and artistic achievements are impressive by any standards, leaving a legacy of opulence, especially in architecture, in religious manuscripts, and in metalwork and glass.

The first major international exhibition of Mamluk art in the United States is being organized for a two-year national tour by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service. The curator for the exhibition is Dr. Esin Atil, curator of Islamic Art at the Smithsonian's Freer Gallery of Art. The premier showing of *Renaissance of Islam: Art of the*

Mamluks will be at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C. from May 15 through July 19, 1981.

Many of the exhibition's 130 objects will be on loan from these institutions: the Islamic Museum and the National Library in Cairo; the National Museum in Damascus; the Louvre in Paris; the British Museum; the Victoria and Albert Museum in London; the Chester Beatty Library in Dublin; the Royal Ontario Museum, the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York; the Boston Museum of Fine Arts; the Textile Museum; the Dumbarton Oaks Collection in Washington, D.C.; the Detroit Institute of Arts; the Cleveland Museum of Art; the Toledo Museum of Art; the Corning Museum of Glass; the Walters

Art Gallery in Baltimore; and the Madina Collection.

The Mamluk dynasty oversaw medieval Islam's most creative age. Its arts included elaborately illuminated oversize Qurans and illustrated versions of classical texts; brass objects intricately inlaid with silver and gold; various glass vessels delicately painted in polychrome enamels and gold; ceramics and tiles, often adorned with blazons of the sultans; carved woodwork, inlaid with diverse woods and ivory; and outstanding carpets and textiles. *Renaissance of Islam: Art of the Mamluks* will contain some of the best examples of Islamic art from the 13th to the 16th centuries.

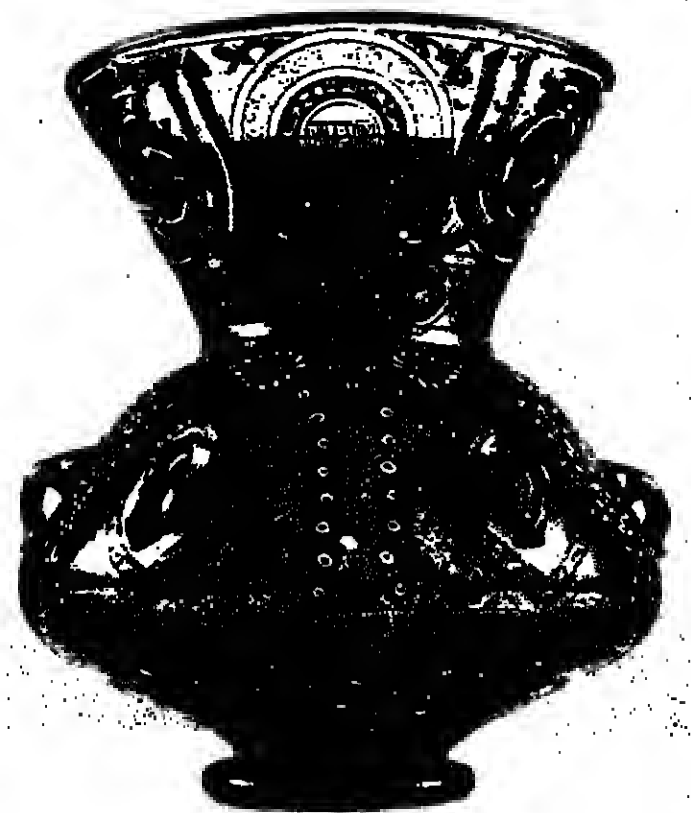
The characteristic architecture of the period reveals technical virtuosity in the use of stone, especially in domes, minarets and entrance portals, as well as superbly decorated interiors glittering with marble mosaics, inlaid woodwork and painted stucco. A photographic essay documents key Mamluk architectural monuments in Cairo to supplement the exhibition. Several major buildings are illustrated in detail and related to the objects on display. The development of architectural styles and decorative vocabulary is explained in accompanying texts.

In addition the exhibition features a book, fully illustrated in color, published by the Smithsonian Institution Press with funding from United Technologies Corporation.

Printed in both Arabic and English, the book will be published in a hardbound edition for commercial distribution as well as softbound copies for sale by SITES and the exhibitors on the tour. Written by Atil, the book discusses Mamluk history, the patronage of the arts by the sultans and amirs, and the stylistic and technical development of the arts. SITES will also publish brochures that are a brief guide to the exhibition and a general introduction to the Mamluk period. Posters will also be available.

Coinciding with the Washington opening, there will be a three-and-one-half day symposium held, with 18 papers presented by internationally renowned scholars. The program will consist of sessions on political history, social institutions and relations with Eastern and Western powers; current research on the development of architecture and architectural decoration; new discoveries and excavation reports; and technical studies on religious, literary and scientific manuscripts, metalwork, glass, ceramics, textiles and carpets.

The Commission for Educational and Cultural Exchange between the United States and the Arab Republic of Egypt has provided a grant to support the visits of the Egyptian curatorial staff to supervise the handling of the artifacts during the tour and also to gain experience in American museum practices. (Smithsonian Institution)



HANDLES: Gilded glass lamp enameled in blue, green, yellow, red, white and purple with applied handles.

Machine solves nightmares

LONDON (LPS) — The problem of nightmares has been solved by a small machine that measures a sleeper's respiratory rate. The device, invented by Dr. Keith Hearn, a psychologist at Hull University in eastern England, is the size of a book and lies by the sleeper's head with a wire clipped to the nostril to monitor breaths.

If it registers more than 24 breaths per minute, indicating a stressful dream, an alarm gently wakes the sleeper. Dr. Hearn

explained: "More than a million people in Britain alone now suffer from dreadful nightmares at least twice a week sometimes these dreams can be lethal, especially for heart patients."

"They will do anything to get rid of them and presently it is an unrecognized problem. This invention will save a lot of human suffering."

She says the device could also help psychiatric patients. It is shortly to go on sale at a cost of £100.

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Atomic fuel supply

U.S. said ending deal with India

MADRAS, April 19 (Agencies) — The United States has communicated to India its decision to unilaterally terminate the 1953 nuclear cooperation agreement with India. The *Hindu* newspaper reported Saturday in a dispatch from its correspondent in Washington. The Tarapur atomic power station on the western coast of India was built by the United States under the treaty, which provides for American supply of enriched uranium up to 1993 to fuel the plant.

The decision, conveyed by James W. Malone, an aide of President Ronald Reagan, to visiting Indian External Affairs Secretary

Eric Gonsalves and Indian Atomic Energy Commission Chairman Homi Sethna, followed India's steadfast refusal to open all its nuclear installations to international inspection. Though the Tarapur plant itself is under safeguards, the 1953 U.S. nuclear cooperation agreement did make inspections of all atomic facilities a prerequisite for future fuel shipments.

The independent newspaper said Malone told the Indian officials that, despite its unilateral repudiation of the bilateral accord, Washington still has control over the spent fuel, which can be reprocessed into weapon-grade plutonium. The *Hindu* said Sethna, India's top nuclear official, deplored the American repudiation of the treaty and rejected the idea of maintaining

safeguards over nuclear materials.

It quoted a senior Indian diplomat in Washington as saying that the American decision was "like asking for a divorce and demanding that the other party not marry anybody else." Meanwhile, an Indian government spokesman told reporters in New Delhi that India so far has not been officially informed by the United States of its reported decision to end the 18-year-old agreement.

In a related development, the Indian department of atomic energy said in its annual report Saturday that India will reprocess spent fuel from its nuclear power reactors to recover plutonium. The report, quoted by the Press Trust of India (PTI), said reprocessing was likely to start after a third run being conducted at the Tarapur plant near Bombay.

Medical researcher says

Smoking linked to crib death

HARRISBURG, Pennsylvania, April 19 (AP) — Analysis of thousands of pregnancies indicates there is a greater risk of crib death among infants whose mothers suffered severe anemia or were smokers during pregnancy, a medical researcher says. The theory was developed by Dr. Richard Naeve, chairman of the pathology department at the Pennsylvania State University Medical School, Hershey Medical Center.

Naeve said the research was based on studies of 60,000 pregnancies over a six-year

period. "Through statistics, we've found these factors are independent of other factors that can cause SIDS (sudden infant death syndrome)," Naeve said. "Smoking and anemia, however, won't explain all the SIDS deaths. We don't know the rest of the reasons."

Naeve said smoking reduces the oxygen flow in the blood vessels feeding the unborn infant. He said one cigarette can constrict blood vessels for five to 15 minutes. He said research has determined the control centers in the brain stem, responsible for such basic functions as breathing and heart action, have a higher requirement of oxygen before birth. "The mechanisms controlling breathing and heart action are only a primary control within the first few months after birth," Naeve said.

He said within the first three or four months after birth, the brain has not developed a backup system for breathing and heart action and if the primary system fails, death generally follows. Naeve said he believes this occurs in one-half to two-thirds of the crib deaths.

Naeve said anemia has an adverse effect because of the reduced number of oxygen-carrying red blood cells. As with smoking, he said, this results in less oxygen going to the developing fetus. He said researchers are concentrating on developing an early detection of infants who most likely could be crib death victims. "If that's possible, we can prevent many deaths using monitors," Naeve said.

He was referring to a device attached to a sleeping infant that sets off an alarm if breathing ceases. The alarm starts the infant into resuming breathing and alerts parents who can help the child resume breathing. "I'm not sure yet," Naeve said.

Naeve said crib death usually strikes no sooner than when the child is two to three months in age. It reaches its peak at about 3 months and tapers off after 8 months, he said, adding that it is very uncommon after age 1. He said parents should notify their physician if they notice their child not breathing while sleeping for periods exceeding 20 seconds.



Philippine leader Benigno Aquino

Aquino willing to return to Manila

MANILA, April 19 (AFP) — Philippine opposition leader Benigno Aquino would be willing to return to the country and face arrest if President Ferdinand Marcos allowed him to campaign for the opposition in the coming poll, former senator Salvador Laurel said Sunday. Laurel, a possible opposition candidate in the June 16 presidential election, returned from Tokyo Sunday where he discussed campaign strategies with Aquino. He said that Aquino was willing to be campaign manager for the United Democratic Opposition (UNIDO).

In exile in the United States, Aquino has considered the opposition's best bet for the presidency but he is two years short of the minimum age limit of 50. Aquino was

arrested from jail for medical reasons last May. But Marcos said recently that his real motive for arresting him was to force him to face a charge of involvement in the murder and subsequent disappearance of a senator.

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Elusive snake seen in Lake Champlain

PORT HENRY, New York, April 19 (AP) — Champ, an elusive serpent said to live in the depths of Lake Champlain, has been out for an early spring swim, residents of the area say. Jane Sullivan of Port Henry — who said she never believed in the monster before — reported spotting the serpent Friday morning. It seemed to play around for 45 minutes to an hour, she said. "It looked big and different from anything I've seen before."

Mrs. Sullivan said she called Esther Waldron, clerk at the village hall, who went and caught a glimpse of her own. "It looked like the head of a big snake and it was black," Waldron said. "It came out of the water about a foot and a half and stayed up for 10 or 15 seconds each time."

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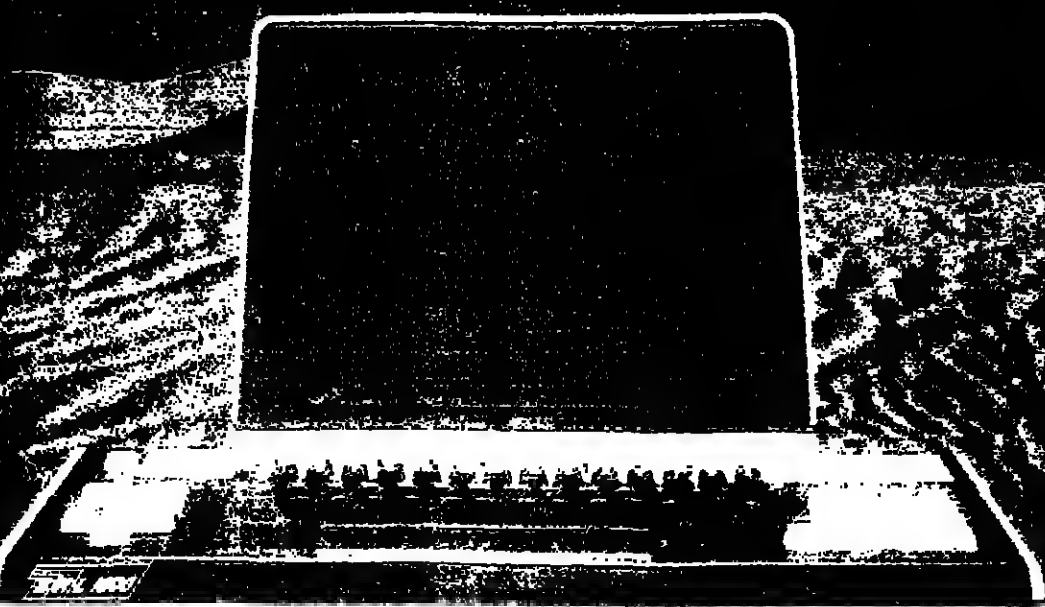
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Europeans protest N-arm deployment

BRUSSELS, April 19 (AFP) — Nearly 1,000 persons from about 10 West European countries have demonstrated in the city center here to protest the deployment of nuclear weapons on the continent. Heavily reinforced police forces managed to prevent the demonstrators who were responding to an appeal by the Peace Action Committee, from marching on the headquarters of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in a suburb.

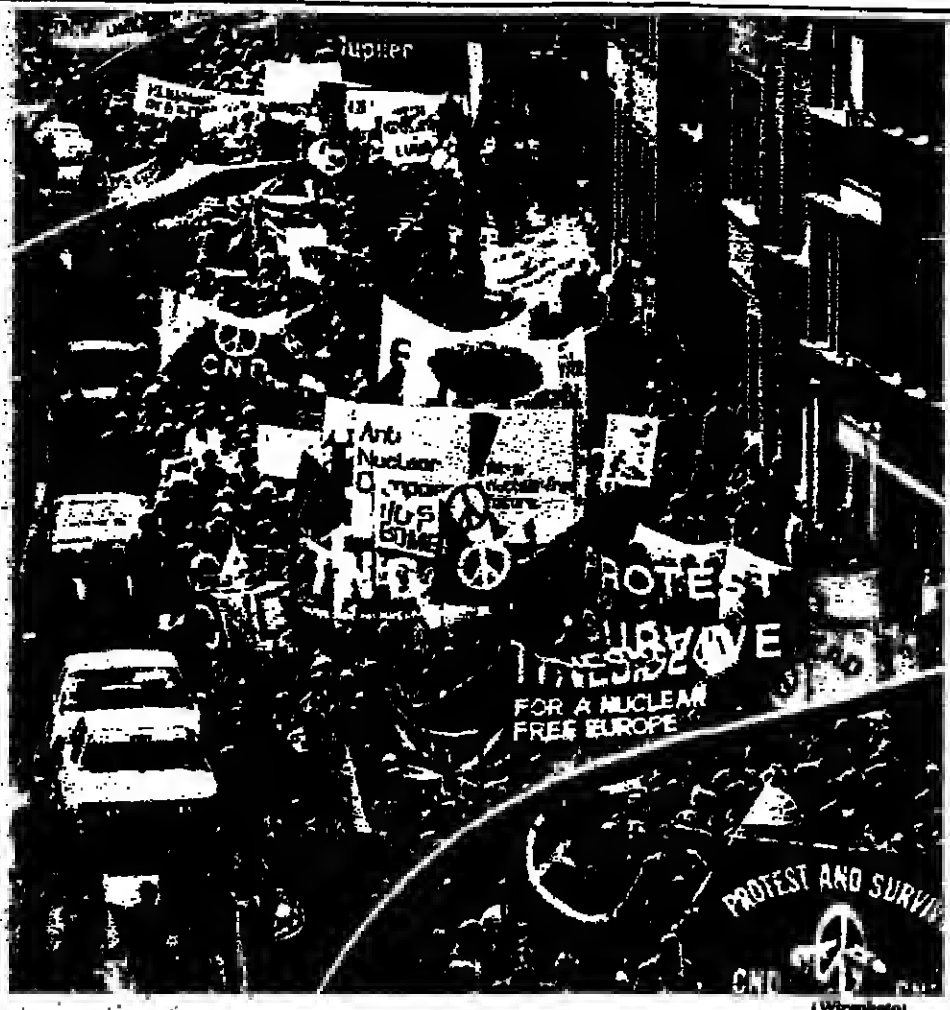
A delegation presented a NATO official a copy of the demonstrators' demands Saturday. Among the demonstrators, the Dutch and British contingents were the largest. But there were protesters from Spain, Italy, Denmark, France, Turkey, Belgium and West Germany as well.

Some of the demonstrators were "punks," while others were sedate veterans of the giant anti-nuclear protests of the 1960's, accompanied, often enough, by their adolescent offspring. In addition, there was a sprinkling of Socialist youth section members and even some Dutch soldiers in uniform.

The Peace Action Committee wants a nuclear-free zone stretching from Poland to Portugal and opposes the installation of all nuclear arms in Europe, especially the Western Cruise and Pershing missiles and the Soviet SS-20 rockets.

China seeks U.N. aid for earthquake victims

PEKING, April 19 (AP) — China, which spurned international aid after a catastrophic earthquake in 1976, now wants the United Nations to help children of that disaster, diplomatic sources reported Sunday. The sources said officials in the north-east city of Tangshan told U.N. Children's Fund representatives last fall that they need equipment for schools and hospitals. They need kindergartens, nursery schools, a mother training school and maternity and children's hospital.



ANTI-NUCLEAR MARCH: An overhead view of the international anti-nuclear march in Brussels Saturday. The protesters were prevented from marching on the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's headquarters by police.

Thousands remember San Francisco quake

SAN FRANCISCO, April 19 (AFP) — Thousands of San Francisco residents have taken to the streets to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the earthquake which ravaged the city in April 1906. Cora Lucchetti, a survivor of the disaster who was six years old at the time, chanted a countdown "10, nine, eight, seven, six." The crowd joined in, yelling "three, two, one, boom," timed to the minute of the dreadful anniversary.

Recalling her shattering experience Saturday, Ms. Lucchetti told how she and her father camped in a park following the quake, while just hundreds of meters (yards) away the town — at that time constructed almost entirely of wood — slowly burned to the ground. In just 40 seconds 700 persons were killed, 3,500 were injured and 28,000 buildings were demolished over a 7 kms square area.

Survivors spent weeks looking for their vanished friends and relatives. In the years since then, they have formed a club — today one of the city's most exclusive. One of its members recalled borrowing during the search under twisted tram tracks and water pipes transformed into geysers, and seeing entire houses uprooted and still smoking from the great fire.

The city was rebuilt and today is one of the jewels of the west coast, boasting the graceful "Golden Gate Bridge," streets that wind up impossibly steep hills and quaint, immacu-

lately resorted houses. Heroically the residents of San Francisco chose a Phoenix as its symbol. But the threat of another giant quake triggered by the unstable San Andreas fault still hangs over the city.

Meanwhile, an earthquake shook the ground in the central California desert around China Lake just after midnight, the U.S. Geological Survey reported Sunday. Geophysicists estimated the size of the quake at 4.4 on the Richter Scale. That size quake "could cause damage, depending on the geology of the area it hit," but the survey had no reports of damage, said spokesman Doo Finley at the National Earthquake Center in Golden, Colo.

Bruce Presgrave, a geophysicist with the survey, said the earthquake struck at 12:02 a.m. California time, centered about 193 kms north of Los Angeles.

Anti-Titoist executed

BELGRADE, April 19 (AFP) — Rajcic, a former Tchetnik, or anti-Tito royalist, was executed for war crimes Thursday, Yugoslav newspapers have reported. Rajcic, 60, was condemned to death on charges of slitting the throats of 49 persons during World War II. He was first arrested at the end of hostilities and sentenced to hard labour for deserting the Communist partisans. He served eight years, but was arrested again in January 1980 on war crimes charges.

Squatters occupy Berlin building

BERLIN, April 19 (AP) — About 30 students of Free University here have moved into an empty government-owned building to demonstrate their demand for more lower income housing in this and other West German cities, police here said.

The building, owned by the West Germany Finance Administration, in this city has been taken over by squatters during the past few months. A banner hung from the building by the illegal occupants demanded "Freedom for arrested squatters."

Although police searches of empty apartment houses and unused buildings in many cities have for the most part been without incident, several of the searches have resulted in noisy clashes between authorities and squatters. In Berlin, Nuremberg and Munich squatters have been arrested in confrontations with police.

BRIEFS

VIBO VALENTIA, Italy (AP) — Kidnappers released Roman industrialist Ercole Bianchi, 59, on the outskirts of this southern Italian town late Saturday after holding him for one year and four months, police said. No information was available on whether a ransom had been paid. The bandits had demanded 4 billion lire (\$4 million).

LONDON, (AFP) — Coventry police Saturday launched a murder inquiry after an Indian student was stabbed during a fight with "skinheads." Twenty-year-old Satna Singh Gill, of Coventry (central England) died in hospital after the stabbing incident Saturday. The victim had been with his girlfriend when a group of skinheads chased him. He was kicked, punched and stabbed.

NEW DELHI, (AFP) — The exiled president of the Bangladesh opposition Awami League, Sheikh Hasina Wazed, Sunday announced she would return home early next month. The 32-year-old eldest daughter of the late Bangladesh President Mujibur Rahman was commenting on Dacca reports that she would return to Bangladesh April 28.

NEW DELHI, April 19 (AP) — An indefinite hunger strike by nearly 150 convicts here serving life sentences for murders ended Saturday after authorities ordered a magisterial inquiry into the death of a fellow prisoner, an official said. The convicts — who earlier threatened to continue their "fast unto death" unless six prison officials were arrested — alleged that the prisoner, Madan Lal, was beaten to death by the jailors.

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Soviet industrial growth declines

MOSCOW, April 19 (AP) — Soviet industrial growth slowed during the first quarter of 1981, according to government statistics released Saturday.

Data released by the central statistical board and published in the Soviet government newspaper *Izvestia* also indicated that the nation's production of steel and coal was down slightly. The production of meat, usually in short supply, and dairy products also was reported down two per cent from the same period a year ago. That contrasted to the large increases in milk and meat production outlined in the new five-year plan.

Oil production for the first three months of the year was reported at 150 million tons. That was up one per cent over the same period last year, but short of the pace necessary to meet the goal of 610 million tons for the year.

According to the report, industrial output was up 3.1 per cent during the period Jan. 1-March 31, compared to the projected growth rate for 1981 of 4.1 per cent. Industrial output was about 8 per cent a year during the period 1966-1975, 4.6 per cent during the five-year plan that ended last December, and 3.96 per cent last year.

Coal production was 186 million tons, down less than one per cent for the quarter, but running ahead of the pace required to surpass last year's output.



TRAINING CLASSES: Work in atomic reactor power plants is very specialized. To help employees in these plants to know their business, classes are held that explain how to handle complicated and delicate equipment. Seen here is a class being taught how to handle a crane at a training center in San Jose, California.

U.S. links lifting embargo to Soviet behavior on Poland

WASHINGTON, April 19 (AP) — U.S. Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige has said that President Reagan possibly will lift the United States' partial embargo on grain sales to the Soviet Union within the next two weeks, if the president is convinced that the Russians are not about to intervene militarily in Poland.

Baldrige, who made the comments in an interview on the cable news network, is the highest-ranking administration official to

confirm that the president is about to lift the embargo.

Administration sources who asked that their names not be used said last week that Reagan was ready to lift the sanctions which former President Jimmy Carter imposed in the wake of the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan in December 1979. Reagan promised during the campaign to lift the embargo if he were elected. "I think that as soon as he (Reagan) feels that there's a real sign that the Russians most probably will not invade Poland..." Baldrige replied when asked if the embargo was about to be lifted.

The commerce secretary said "possibly" when asked if Reagan might take the action "in a week or two." White House spokesman Larry Speakes said Saturday no decision had been reached on whether to lift the embargo, adding that the subject was not even discussed at the most recent cabinet meeting last Thursday.

Baldrige declined to comment when asked whether the Soviets had set the stage for lifting the embargo by giving assurances recently that no intervention is imminent.

Baldrige said he personally favored lifting the 16-month-old embargo now, but everyone in the administration was "pretty much in agreement" that a reasonable signal or gesture from the Soviet Union was needed.

"There has to be, in effect, a quid pro quo," Baldrige said. "It takes some action to remove it." The commerce secretary said the quid pro quo did not have to be public.

U.S. car firm loses \$52m in 3 months

DETROIT, April 19 (AP) — American Motors Corp. lost \$52.7 million in the first three months of 1981, the worst first quarter in the company's history, AMChas reported.

The loss, which amounted to 92 cents a share, compared with a profit of \$1.3 million, or 4 cents a share, in the first quarter of last year. The previous record loss for the first quarter was \$47.8 million in 1975.

First-quarter sales dropped two per cent to \$598 million from \$798 million in the same period last year.

AMC's report was an indication that a sales slump continues to plague the United States' major automakers, which lost a total of \$4.1 billion last year. In 1980, AMC lost a company record \$198 million, or \$6 a share.

Mitterrand's plan alarms French investors

PARIS, April 19 (R) — Socialist presidential candidate Francois Mitterrand has aroused alarm on the Paris stock exchange with a plan to nationalize leading industrial companies and banks.

It is the only element of his election program to have caused real concern to financiers. Mitterrand, tipped by some opinion polls to beat President Valery Giscard d'Estaing in the two-round poll which begins April 26, wants to nationalize nine industrial giants as well as key sectors of the steel industry, private banks and firms involved in major defense contracts.

To do this, he would need a majority in the National Assembly, and many business executives are quietly confident he will not achieve this.

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But Mitterrand has promised to dissolve the current center-right dominated assembly almost immediately after coming into office, and a very different set of parliamentarians could be swept to power in the wake of a Socialist victory in the presidential race.

The nine groups he has named are: Aircraft makers Dassault-Breguet, chemical giants Rhone-Poulenc and Roussel-Uclaf, the electronics firms Compagnie Generale d'Electricite (CGE) and Thomson-Brandt, the telecommunications company ITT-France, engineers and steelmakers Pechiney-Ugine Kuhlmann (PUK), the computer concern CII-Honeywell Bull, and the glass, construction and electronics conglomerate St. Gobain Pont-A-Mousson. Their total annual turnover is more than 300 billion francs (\$9 billion).

A Socialist government would nationalize parent companies 100 per cent and take the control of any partially-owned subsidiaries. Their activity was "of strategic importance to the economy," Socialist Party officials say. In other cases only the parent company's share would be absorbed. Complex legal problems could arise with companies which have large network of foreign subsidiaries, or are themselves largely owned or controlled abroad.

Thomson-Brandt has major subsidiaries in Argentina, Brazil and the United States while ITT-France is controlled by the American ITT corporation. Roussel-Uclaf is a unit of West Germany's Hoechst AG, and CII-Honeywell Bull is 47 per cent owned by Honeywell Bull of the U.S.

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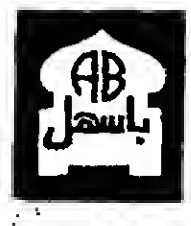
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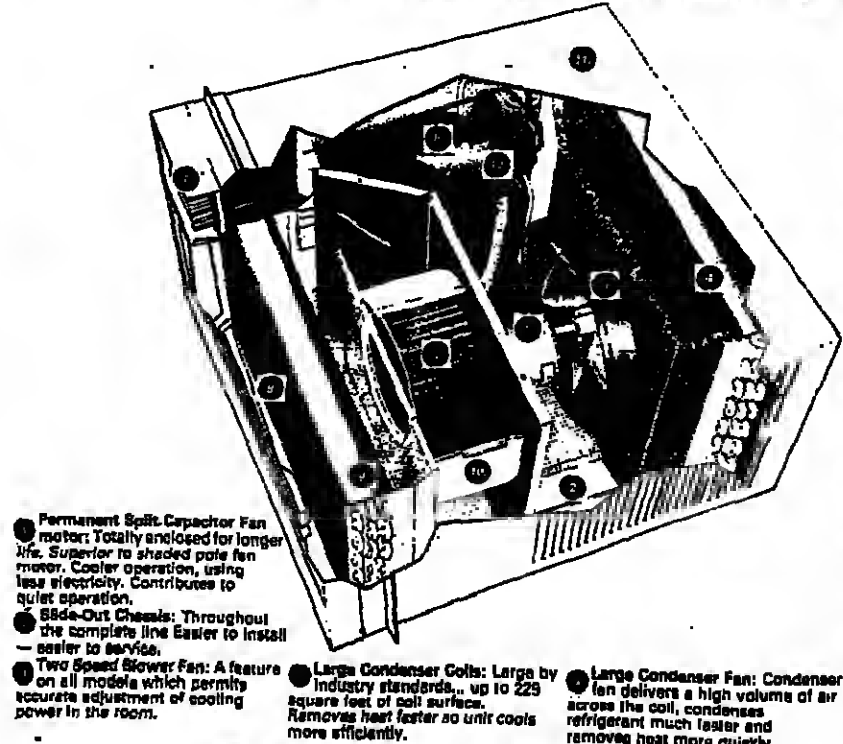
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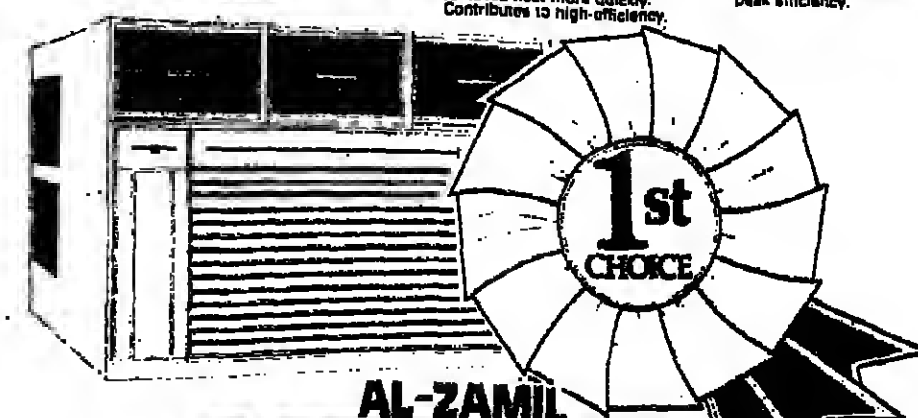
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Accord with U.S. soon on assets, says Iran

TEHRAN, April 19 (AFP) — The issue of Iranian assets frozen in the United States will be settled in the next few days and \$2.2 billion, whose return is not disputed, will be transferred to Iran in three months' time, Executive Affairs Minister Behzad Nabavi said here Sunday.

The minister told the press that "in three months' time no Iranian assets will remain in the United States."

On April 14, Iran accused the United States of failing to fully respect the Algiers agreement which led to the release of 50 American hostages from Tehran. Nabavi said Sunday that though the United States was

U.S. petrol consumption dips

NEW YORK, April 19 (AP) — U.S. gasoline consumption in March fell to its lowest level for that month in a decade, reflecting conservation fostered by rising prices, the American Petroleum Institute has reported.

Daily average deliveries from refiners' storage tanks of 6,039 million barrels in March fell 5.8 per cent from March 1980 and 14.5 per cent from the same month in 1979, the institute association said in its monthly statistical report. It was the lowest March average since 1971, when a 5,839 million barrels-a-day average was recorded, according to API.

Gasoline prices rose about two cents per gallon in March, though several companies lowered postings toward month end, the

U.K. inflation rate up

LONDON, April 19 (AP) — Britain's annual inflation rate rose slightly to 12.6 per cent in March, the first rise in 10 months, official figures have showed. The increase, from 12.5 per cent in February, was due mainly to the Conservative government's harsh austerity budget imposed March 10, which sharply increased duties on gasoline, liquor and tobacco.

Government officials said, however, they expected inflation to fall steadily through the rest of the year to 10 per cent by December. Inflation, boosted by higher sales tax and interest rates, soared to a peak of 21.8 per cent a year after Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher took office and set about introducing her controversial tight money policies. But the rate has since dropped steadily as Britain struggled with its worst post-1930s recession.

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West German Mark (100)	140.00	143.00	138.10
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Financial Roundup Market hit by dull trading

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, April 19 — With the European markets closed Sunday, the Bahrain-based and local banks saw an easing of trading activities unlike Saturday. Riyal deposit rates continued firm, but there was little activity to show whether there were any major takers or givers of funds at the quoted rates. One local dealer described business Sunday as "shadow-boxing" with banks not really interested in entering into deals.

Overnight deposits eased slightly from Saturday's 17 per cent levels to 15 per cent and the one-week JIBOR rate also fell to 16-16 3/4 per cent. The one-month level remained steady however at 16 - 16 1/2 per cent. Spot Riyal against the dollar was quoted at 3.3507 — 15, again showing a fall over Saturday's rates. Most local bankers seemed satisfied with holding onto their present positions in various currencies and awaiting nervously the opening of the major

European markets Tuesday.

Most dealers are still expecting the dollar to open strong and go beyond the 2.20 level against the German mark. A great deal of interest has been generated in this currency since European papers started publishing about possible conflicts between the Bundesbank governor and Chancellor Schmidt. Basically the argument is about policy direction — Karl Otto Poehl, the Bundesbank governor has come under increasing French and local criticism for taking German interest rates higher. This has made the mark relatively attractive for international investors and has brought pressure on the French franc, which has slipped from being the number one currency in the EMS — the European Monetary System. The local German critics argue that German business and economic growth is affected by German interest rate rises which only add to inflation.

Hydrogen may replace oil

MILAN, April 19 (R) — Hydrogen produced from water could replace oil as the energy source of the future, Italian chemicals group Montedison has said.

Company researchers in Turin and Lausanne have found a way of producing hydrogen from water cheaply and in large enough quantities for industrial use, Montedison spokesman Guido Negro said Saturday. "The process is cheap because it uses sunlight to convert water into hydrogen and oxygen," he said.

Montedison said the process, involving a

light-sensitive titanium dioxide-based catalyst, had been successful at the laboratory level and testing would continue in collaboration with Turin University.

"We have no plans as yet to build a pilot plant. That is a great step which may take several years, but eventually hydrogen could replace oil in industry," Dr. Negro said. "People are already experimenting with hydrogen-powered transport in America. If they could obtain their fuel in time and cheaply it would be a great help."

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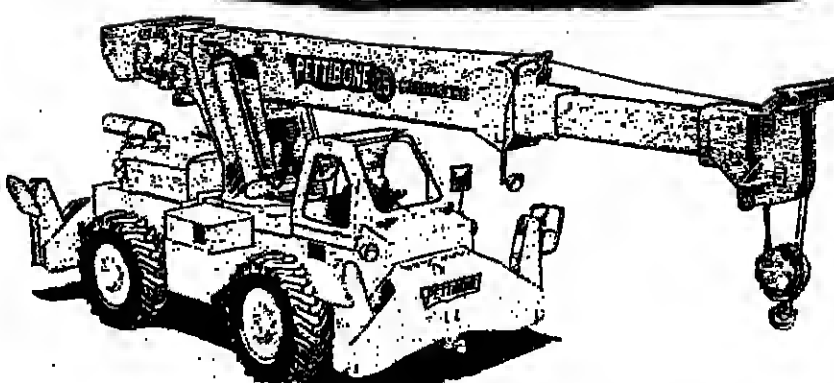
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China routs Czechs

NOVI SAD, Yugoslavia, April 19 (AFP) — Communist China cruised into the men's team final at the World Table Tennis Championships here Sunday beating Czechoslovakia 5-0.

United States and Romania, plus Denmark — the country which is protesting about enforced demotion to make way for South Korea — are the teams which will battle it out for two promotion places with either Nigeria or Hong Kong. If Nigeria beat Hong Kong and were also successful in the playoffs they would be the first African nation ever to reach the top category.

Canada, fearing the loss of a government grant after also being placed down a category to make way for Israel, suffered their second defeat, 3-5 to Brazil, and look unlikely to realize their ambition of an immediate return to category two.

Holland's women, the third team protesting about enforced demotion, qualify with Austria, Canada, and Bulgaria for the playoff for the two promotion places to category one.

Men: Norway beat Egypt 5-0; Israel beat Switzerland 5-1; Mexico beat Iceland 5-0; Belgium beat Ghana 5-1; Dominican Republic beat Portugal 5-1; Pakistan beat Singapore 5-1; Guernsey beat Palestine 5-3; Nepal beat Ecuador 5-3; Greece beat Luxembourg 5-4; Brazil beat New Zealand 5-4; Dominican Republic beat Iceland 5-0; Israel beat Norway 5-3; Belgium beat Yemen 5-1; Canada beat Ghana 5-0; Denmark beat Bulgaria 5-3; Spain beat Singapore 5-0; Portugal beat Mexico 5-1; Greece beat Brazil 5-2; Scotland beat Pakistan 5-2; Mexico beat Argentina 5-2; Italy beat Soviet Union 5-3; France beat West Germany 5-0; England beat Indonesia 5-0; Hong Kong beat Nigeria 5-1; India beat Finland 5-1; China beat Japan 5-1.

Women: Spain beat Mexico 3-2; Switzerland beat Nigeria 3-0; Ghana beat Colombia 3-0; Hungary beat Finland 3-0; China beat Japan 3-0; South Korea beat Hong Kong 3-0; Czechoslovakia beat West Germany 3-0; Soviet Union beat India 3-0; —England beat France 3-0; North Korea beat Yugoslavia 3-0; Sweden beat Romania 3-2.

Mountjoy moves up

SHEFFIELD, England April 19 (R) — Doug Mountjoy of Britain reached the final of the World Professional Snooker Championships beating six-time winner and compatriot Ray Reardon 16-10.

Mountjoy was always in command and booked his place by winning three of the first four frames in the last session Saturday night. Scores: Mountjoy beat Reardon 16-10; Final scores (Mountjoy first): 93-20, 15-95, 100-1, 79-20.



AIRBORNE: Norwich City's Joe Boyle flies through the air in an attempt to have a crack at the rival goal as Tottenham's Graham Roberts (left) and Garth Crooks (second from right) move in. Norwich won the English First Division League match 3-2 Saturday.

Mehta forges ahead in Safari Rally

NAIROBI, Kenya, April 19 (AP) — Kenyan Shekhar Mehta, driving toward an unprecedented fourth victory in the Safari Rally, the world's toughest auto test, held a slim lead Sunday after Sweden's Anders Kullang hit a cow and later drove into a ditch.

With one-third of the 5,000-kilometer — 3,125-mile — Rally remaining, Mehta and co-driver Mike Doughty of Kenya, in a Datsun Violet GT, had 143 penalty points for latecomers at time controls. Datsun teammates Rauno Aaltonen of Finland and Lofty Drews of Kenya had 147.

Finns Timo Salonen and Seppo Harjaneen, in another Datsun, were third with 155 points. Kenyans Mike Kirkland and Dave Haworth, in a Violet GT, had 205 points,

apparently locking up a team win for the Japanese manufacturer.

Kullang and Swedish co-driver Bruno Berglund, fifth with 261 points, could hope to win only if the first four cars collapsed. After leading for the first three days of the five-day event, they hit a cow near Mombasa, the Indian Ocean port, late Saturday. The Swedes continued after emergency repairs to the radiator and lights of their Opel Ascona 400, but then sustained more damage in a ditch. The two mishaps cost them 108 points.

Twenty-eight of 70 starters remained in the Safari, the wettest and roughest since the contest began in 1953. The Rally ends Monday in Nairobi, after a tour of lava-strewn

roads in northern Kenya and a trip around the base of Mount Kenya.

Mehta and Joginder Singh, a Kenyan who is not competing this year, are the only duo to have won the Safari three times. Mehta, 36, a member of a wealthy industrialist family, won in 1973, 1979 and last year.

Among the weekend dropouts from the Rally were Torami Asakawa of Japan and Aslam Khan of Kenya in a Daihatsu Charade G10, Tatsuhira Saito of Japan and Yasuhiko Shimizu of Kenya, who rolled their Subaru Leone, Toshinobu Takahashi and Toshiaki Endoh of Japan, and Javid Alam and Timothy Davis of Kenya in a Subaru H-B entered by the Subaru Motorsports Club of Japan.

Floyd close on the heels of Trevino

RANCHO LA COSTA, California April 19 (AP) — Lee Trevino three-putted the final hole and let Ray Floyd move to within a single stroke of the lead Saturday in the third round of the \$300,000 Monday-Tournament of Champions.

Trevino, who opened the day with a two-shot lead over Floyd, maintained that margin most of the day but dropped back with the 18th.

Trevino, gunning for his first victory ever in California, shot a 70 in the cool, windy weather, and finished 54 holes with a 204 total, 12 strokes under par on the 6,911-yard La Costa Country Club course.

Floyd, winner of consecutive tournaments

earlier this season had a 69 despite some erratic play off the tee and finished three rounds at 205.

Bruce Lietzke, the cross-handed putter who has finished second in his two previous appearances in the exclusive tournament that brings together only the winners of PGA tour titles from the last 12 months, was four shots off the pace at 208 after 69. His college roommate, Bill Rogers, was another stroke behind at 209. Rogers also had a 69 on the course that was dampened by a morning rain.

Curtis Strange and Larry Nelson, tied at 210, were the only other players in the 29-man field within nine shots of Trevino. Strange had a third-round 71 and Nelson matched par 72.

West Germany scores

GOTHENBURG, April (AFP) — West Germany all but assured themselves of retaining their position among the world ice hockey elite by defeating the Netherlands 9-2 in a playoff match at the World Championships here Saturday. The period scores were 4-1, 4-0, 1-1.

The other two teams in the Group to decide fifth to eighth places, Finland and the United States are not likely to be troubled by the Germans or the Dutch.

Earlier, the Soviet Union beat Sweden 4-1 in a final Pool match. The period scores were 0-0, 2-0, 2-1.

The scorers for West Germany were Holger Meitinger, Loerg Heimer, Markus Kuhul, Vladimir Vacato, Heimer, E. Hoefner, Manfred Wolf, Hoefner and P. Gailer.

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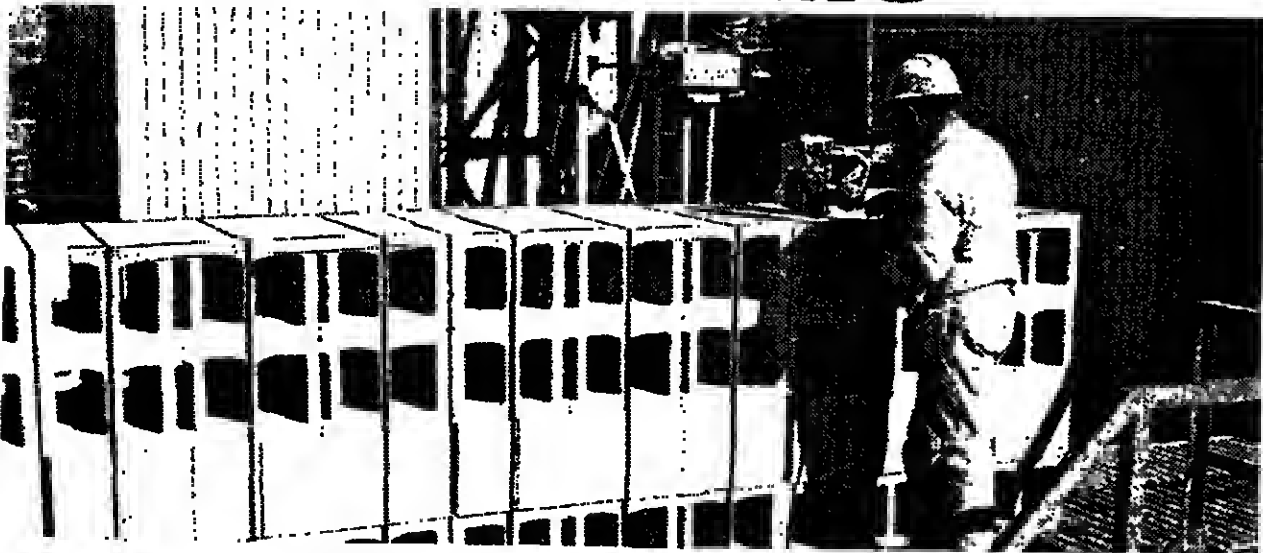
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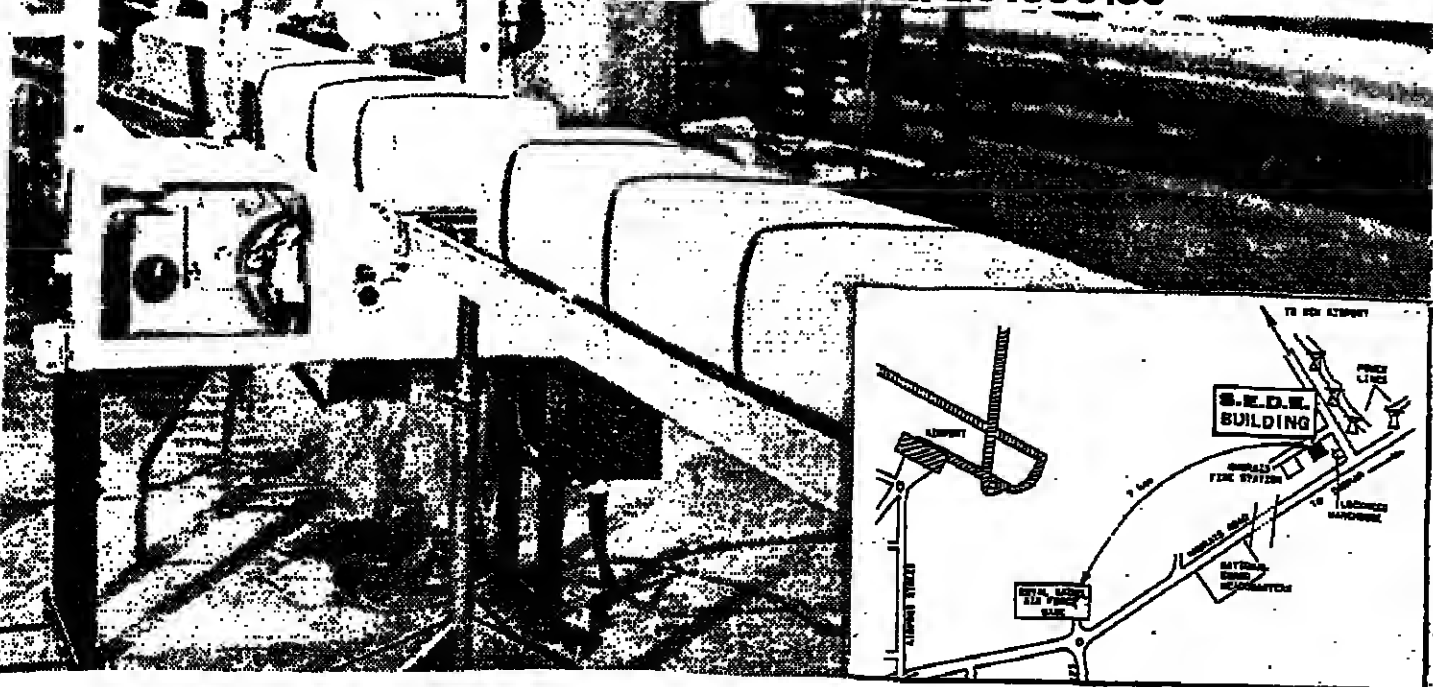
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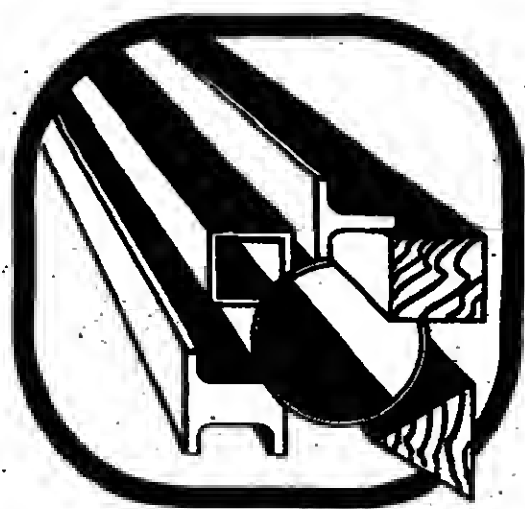
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As Chinaglia strikes again

Cosmos thrashes Tornado

IRVING, Texas, April 19 (AP) — Goals in each half by winger Seninho and the League's leading scorer Giorgio Chinaglia of Italy aided the New York Cosmos to a 3-0 North American Soccer League win over the Dallas Tornado at Texas Stadium Saturday night. The win kept the Cosmos atop the NASL's Eastern Division with 28 points, four points ahead of second-place Washington.

Seninho scored his first goal in the 37th minute following a pass from Dutch-born defender Wim Rijsebergen. He then added another just after halftime, 47:09, this time with help from Vladislav Bogicevic.

Chinaglia, with seven goals in his first four games and 14 total points, got his goal at 1:03 following a pass by Francois Van der Sp. Dallas, now 2-2, saw a two-game winning streak stopped. The Tornado also was lashed by the visitors 20-14.

In Montreal, Forward Andy Parkinson scored two goals as Montreal edged Toronto 2-1.

After a season-opening 1-0 loss to the Washington Diplomats, the Manic were given a rousing ovation by the 27,060 fans in attendance.

The victory gave Montreal a 7-1 mark in the Eastern Division and moved it into third place in the standings with eight points. The setback was the fourth in a row for the team, who fell to last place behind the Manic with four points. Montreal got the

first break of the game when Blizzard midfielder Jose Velasquez fouled Montreal captain Tony Towers.

Defender Andy Lynch's penalty kick from 12 yards out was stopped by Blizzard goalie Tony Chursky, but Parkinson punched on the rebound and drilled a shot to the bottom left corner.

Parkinson, a native of South Africa, increased the lead to 2-0 at 49:25 when he eluded two defenders and banged a shot past Chursky from 15 yards out.

Defender Gungor Tekin finally got Toronto on the scoreboard at 87:39 when he beat Rigby from close range.

In Chicago, Ron Futcher knocked in a goal from a pass by Ricardo Alonso to give the

Minnesota Kicks a 1-0 win over the Chicago Sting.

Futcher's goal, at 87:48, came during a hard-fought defensive battle with few scoring chances on either side. The game was the Sting's home opener, drawing a first-game record crowd of 18,181.

The win evens Minnesota's Central Division record at 1-1, identical to Chicago. The Sting will face Tulsa in a rematch of their opening game of the season. In that game, the Sting triumphed 3-2 in overtime.

In Washington, defender Ian Bridge slid a corner kick past goalie John Barretta of the Edmonton Drillers to break a tie and give the Seattle Sounders a 2-1 victory. The victory gave the Sounders a season mark of 3-1.

BTC downs Hochtief for top berth

By Laurie Thomas

JEDDAH, April 19 — With the Jeddah Squash League now at the halfway stage of the Spring season, Bin Laden Telecommunications (BTC) are the current leaders with 46 points but are finding themselves closely shadowed by Hochtief, who have 44 pts.

Division "A"

BTC	46
Hochtief	44
Gray Mackenzie	37
Streeters	25
Andalus Village	24
Riofinex	17
Bedouins	17
Dunes	withdrew

ment, and the match turned out to be almost a carbon copy of that final.

James took the first two games and, at 8-6 in the third, had three match points. However, El Nor overcame his nervousness and eventually took the last three games and the match. The match win put BTC into their present position at the top.

The league has four divisions and Bin Laden are also the current leaders in both the Third and Fourth Divisions. Last season BTC finished fourth in the top division, and their present success appears due to the recent arrival of their No. 1 and 2 players, El Nor, and Peter Conney. In fact, such is their depth of good players that Frank Bell, who knocked

Football players die in bus crash

CAPE TOWN, April 19 (AFP) — A bus carrying a football team and supporters home from a match left the road and plunged into a mountain ravine near Cape Town, killing 22 persons, the South African radio reported Sunday.

The radio said most of the victims were members of a colored (mixed-race) club. The bus was traveling Saturday night from the coastal town of Hermanus, 50 kms southeast of here, to a point in the Cape Town suburbs.

The incident, in which several people were seriously hurt, took place as the bus was negotiating the switchbacks of Sir Lowry's Pass, on the national highway that runs along the Indian Ocean.

Vilas breezes into final

MONTE CARLO, Monaco, April 19 (AP) — Argentina's Guillermo Vilas earned a spot in the final of the ram-delayed Monte Carlo Open Tennis Tournament with a 6-2, 6-2 victory Saturday over unseeded Italian Adriano Panatta.

Tournament favorite Jimmy Connors jumped to a quick one-set lead in the second semifinal match, beating Hungary's Balazs Taroczy 6-1. But the match was interrupted

by rain and re-scheduled for Sunday. The final were postponed until Monday.

Connors and Vilas, the No. 2 and No. 3 seeds respectively, have been predicted as opponents for the \$58,000 first prize.

Saturday's rain caused hours of delays and interruption while the crowd huddled under umbrellas and plastic sheets at the seaside Monte Carlo Country Club where the tournament is being held.

Mayer has it easy

LOS ANGELES, California, April 19 (P) — Sixth-seeded Sandy Mayer breezed a 6-4, 6-2 victory over unseeded Nick Pano Saturday afternoon to earn a berth in the singles final of the \$75,000 Jack Kramer Open at the Los Angeles Tennis Club.

Mayer will face the winner of the other final between top-seeded John McEnroe (fourth-seeded Bill Scanlon in the Sunday women's championship match. The singles action will earn \$15,000 the runnerup collect \$7,500.

It took Mayer a while to get used to the dry, hazy conditions at the LATC, and it was the first time he had ever played Saviano.

These top two positions were actually reversed until the last match of the first half of this season, when Hochtief met BTC in a three-hour match which provided an exciting climax to the first-leg action. Both teams were unbeaten at that stage, but BTC had dropped two points more than Hochtief in their other league matches. (Each team has five players and can gain between 0-9 points in a league match), so needed a win to stay in close contention.

The whole match looked sure to be decided in the game between the two No. 1 players, Hussein El Nor (BTC) and Alan James, the finalists of the recent Jeddah Open Tournament.

out the No. 16 seed in the Jeddah Open, was only a substitute in their match against Hochtief.

The situation at the bottom of the First Division should prove interesting as the season progresses. Dunes are certain for relegation, but who will go down with them? Bedouins narrowly missed relegation last season, while Riofinex and Andalus Village came up from the Second Division this season and these three look set for a battle to avoid dropping down next season.

The second half of the season begins on May 3 and runs through to June 14. Arab News will be covering the league action with a weekly roundup of comments and results.

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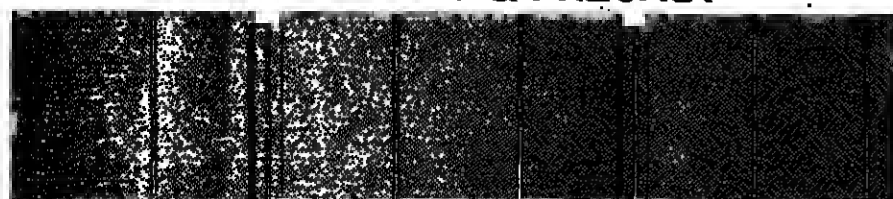
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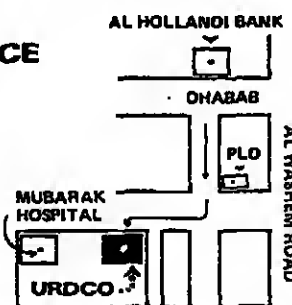
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Sanctions on S. Africa called Nonaligned to train Namibians

ALGIERS, April 19 (Agencies). — The steering committee on Namibia of the non-aligned movement called Sunday for broad U.N. sanctions against South Africa and pledged to arm and train liberation forces fighting to free the territory from South African control. A communique signed by 34 foreign ministers representing nonaligned nations also pledged increased aid to the black African countries neighboring white-ruled South Africa to "insure their sovereignty and territorial integrity."

colony. Rich in minerals, it has been administered by South Africa since 1920 under a mandate from the now-defunct League of Nations. The United Nations terminated the mandate in 1966, but the Pretoria government has refused to relinquish Namibia and moved instead to give the territory limited autonomy.

The nonaligned committee said it would ask the U.N. Security Council session next week "urgently to impose worldwide sanctions (against South Africa), including an oil embargo." The security council has imposed an embargo on the sale of arms and other military hardware to South Africa, but measures calling for economic sanctions have been vetoed.

The committee's communique, signed early Sunday morning after an all-night session, said the nonaligned movement would call for a special session of the U.N. General Assembly to press its case in the event of a security council veto. The nonaligned movement is made up of more than 90 countries

professing no allegiance to any major power.

The communique also called for compilation of "an exhaustive list of all banks and multinational companies which continue to operate in South Africa." All such companies will be prohibited from doing business with any country in the nonaligned movement, the statement said.

It also pledged to arm and train forces of the Southwest African People's Organization (SWAPO) who have been waging a protracted war of independence in Namibia. The ministers said SWAPO was "the only legitimate representative of the people of Namibia."

SWAPO bases in neighboring Angola and Zambia have been the targets of attacks by South African commandos, and the communique called for aid to those two countries and the other front-line nations of Botswana, Mozambique, Tanzania and Zimbabwe.

Addressing the closing session early Sunday, Algerian Foreign Minister Muhammad Benyahia said that Namibia's independence was inevitable because the whole international community was committed to this goal.

Prior knowledge denied

Bhutto son admits hijack

LONDON, April 19 (AP) — Murtaza Bhutto, son of executed Pakistani Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, has admitted that an organization he runs was responsible for last month's hijack of a Pakistani airliner in Afghanistan, the British Broadcasting Corp. reported Sunday.

In a despatch from Bombay, India, the BBC quoted Bhutto, 26, as saying that members of the Al Zulfikar organization, of which he is general secretary, seized the airliner March 2 over Pakistani airport and ordered it to Kabul airport, but he personally had no prior knowledge of the hijack.

BBC correspondent Mark Tully said he interviewed Bhutto, who lives in exile, at Bombay airport. The corporation broadcast a tape of the interview. Bhutto, whose father was deposed in July 1977 by Zia ul-Haq and executed in 1979, was widely suspected of being behind the 13-day hijack, but had previously remained silent.



Murtaza Bhutto

his organization had no connection with his father's Pakistan People Party, and his mother and sister did not approve of violence.

"My mother disapproves of what I am doing," said Bhutto. "They believe sincerely that the political problems should be solved through political processes inside Pakistan. They are against the use of violence. I believe that what we are doing is absolutely necessary." The BBC said Bhutto left India straight after the interview, but refused to say where he was going or where he had been.

Poland seeks Solidarity aid

WARSAW, April 19 (AFP) — The government of Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski has offered Lech Walesa's Solidarity union a kind of partnership in solving Poland's most pressing problems. The offer was contained in a list of subjects the government wishes to broach with the union before May 6, press reports indicated Sunday.

The government is notably seeking such partnership at village levels. It appeared set on pleading with the union for a partial

renegotiation of last year's agreements on pay hikes. Keeping the catastrophic state of Poland's finances in mind, the newspapers suggested, Jaruzelski would seek to obtain deferment of any raise on dates beyond 1981 and no new collective wage settlements this year.

In forthcoming negotiations on union access to the media, the government was reported ready to give Solidarity radio and television time for a weekly "union magazine" program, as well as the possibility to explain its position on pending "problems of importance to the interests of the workers." The government was also reported ready to draft new laws embodying those "institutional guarantees" Solidarity is seeking to ensure the respect of legality by government officials.

The authorities further propose the setting up of a joint standing committee in which government representatives and those of Solidarity could at any moment thrash out issues before they risk escalating into open conflict.

Blasts kill 2 Filipinos

DAVAO CITY, Philippines, April 19 (AP) — Two hand grenades exploded in a Roman Catholic church here Sunday, killing at least two persons and wounding dozens of others, police said. Police could not say exactly how many were wounded by the blasts. Investigators said the first grenade exploded at 7:10 p.m., and was followed by another blast about 30 minutes later.

Police reportedly blocked all approaches to the city and residents were told through the radio to stay home.

Peace panel studies steps

ALGIERS, April 19 (Agencies) — Nonaligned foreign ministers who are members of the organization's Gulf war mediation mission met here Sunday to consider proposals for ways of ending the conflict, informed sources said. A diplomatic source said that the participants discussed the information obtained in previous visits to Baghdad and Tehran.

The meeting, at the Cuban Embassy, was attended by the foreign ministers of Zambia, Cuba and India and the Palestine Liberation Organization's representative at the United Nations in New York.

On the war front, Iran repelled a major Iraqi attack west of Shoush Sunday killing "hundreds" and capturing 50 Iraqi commandos, reported Pars, the official Iranian News Agency in Tehran. Pars said the Iraqis also lost seven tanks and two armored personnel carriers. One ammunition depot destroyed.

In an unrelated development, several people were injured in clashes in a north Tehran suburb Thursday after residents tried to stop revolutionary guards bulldozing "homes built without permission," the daily *Islamic Republic* said Sunday. Nearly 130 "provocateurs" were arrested during the violence, authorities in the nearby town of Karadj, 35 kms north of the capital, added.



BLOOD PROTEST: Portland demonstrators pour blood from bottles on dollar bills and pictures of victims in El Salvador's civil strife Wednesday. They were protesting outside the federal building in downtown Portland against the U.S. involvement in El Salvador.

U.S. involvement protested

NEW YORK, April 19 (AP) — About 2,000 persons have packed Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza outside the United Nations building to protest United States policy in El Salvador. U.S. Congressman Ted Weiss, who served master of ceremonies for the rally, told the crowd, "we are here today to say our policy is a wrong policy and it's opposed by the American people."

"Some of us believe the problems in El

Salvador have been orchestrated by the Reagan administration to justify its budget cuts and military spending," Weiss said Saturday.

The New York Democrat said President Ronald Reagan was violating U.S. law by sending military advisers to El Salvador, and said Congress is taking steps to prevent further United States military action in the small central American country. The Communist Workers' Party, the Marxist-Lenin Party, and several other groups were represented in the crowd.



SADAT'S GUEST: Todd Zimmerman, 21, of Tamaqua, will take a two-week vacation this week from his job of waiting tables at an Allentown restaurant in Pennsylvania to visit Egypt on an invitation from President Anwar Sadat. Sadat extended the invitation after receiving a complimentary letter from Zimmerman last June.

Bobby Sands sinking Irish youths fight running battles

LONDONDERRY, April 19 (Agencies) — Gangs of youths, hurling stones and gasoline bombs, fought running battles with police for nearly two hours in the early hours Sunday for the fourth straight day, police reported.

Meanwhile, police leaves were canceled throughout the province as thousands of Catholics prepared to march in six towns to commemorate the anniversary of the 1916 uprising against British rule in Dublin, capital of the neighboring Catholic Republic of Ireland.

Police said that soon after midnight youths set fire to a car in the center of Londonderry. Three policemen were slightly injured when youths stoned three police trucks and set one on fire. In a nearby street some 40 youths hurled gasoline bombs at police, who opened fire with plastic bullets, a police spokesman said. There were four arrests.

At Warrenpoint, in county Down, 40 families were evacuated from nearby homes late Saturday as demolition experts defused a bomb planted outside the police station, police said. Traditional Easter tension in this British province has been fueled by the deteriorating condition of jailed Irish Republican Army guerrilla Bobby Sands, who is on

the 50th day of a hunger strike in Belfast's Maze prison.

The 27-year-old Sands is fasting in support of demands that the British government treat jailed guerrillas as political prisoners. Sands is now within days of the time when previous IRA hunger strikers have died.

Sands, who won a by-election in Northern Ireland last week even though he is serving a 14-year prison term for carrying arms, has pledged he will be the first British member of parliament to die on hunger strike in jail. About 3,000 people marched through the center of Dublin in support of Sands Saturday. The leaders handed in a letter at the government buildings asking the republic's prime minister, Charles Haughey, to demand publicly that British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher conceded the hunger-striker's requests.

In Belfast, pro-British unionist politicians tried to stop a proposed visit to Sands by three parliamentarians from the Irish Republic. The British government said Saturday that Sir De Valera, Neil Blaney and John O'Connell, who are also members of the European Parliament, would be allowed to visit Sands at his request in the hope they might persuade him to call off his fast.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazen

When I read of a thief who lands himself in trouble through his own incompetence, I feel reassured. But I really worry when the incompetence of the officers of the law is exposed. From the reports I have been reading, the main question seems to be who is capable of more foolishness, the breakers of the law or its guardians.

First there was that genius of a mugger who, after the deed, forced his victim to drive him home (the home of the thief, that is.) After which, of course, even the police couldn't fail to go there and catch him, when the victim drove straight back to them with the news.

Then there was that thief who, not to leave fingerprints, took his shoes off and used his socks as gloves when he broke into a house. He was caught by the large, clear footprints he left, which was accepted as more than sufficient identifying evidence.

But, on the other hand, there's the police force of an American town which was told that a certain mentally disturbed gentleman had barricaded himself in his own home, and that he was threatening to shoot himself. A posse was dispatched right away, complete with bullhorns and carefully rehearsed arguments of dissuasion.

When they arrived at the shuttered up house, they laid the siege. They bellowed that they knew he was there and why not come out and stop all the nonsense, and isn't life beautiful, and what about the flowers in the Spring and the New England Fall, and would be like to hear Swan Lake on the bullhorn though they apologized in advance for the quality of the sound.

This went on for hours, with no answer from the house. A huge crowd had gathered, all adding their voices to those of the police trying to convince the man that life was worth living. Finally someone in the crowd looked around and shouted to everyone to shut up. For there in the middle of the crowd was that same man who was supposed to have been inside wondering whether To Be Or Not To Be. And he was one of the most vocal and ardent among them in pleading the cause of life.

Translated from Ashraf Al-Awsat

Qatar minister in Delhi

NEW DELHI, April 19 (AFP) — Qatar's Labor and Social Affairs Minister Ali Bin Ahmad Al-Ansari met his Indian counterpart N.D. Tiwari here Sunday and proposed an agreement between the two countries on employment of Indian workers in Qatar.

Violence stepped up in W. Germany

BONN, April 19 (Agencies) — Three concrete pipes placed on railroad tracks 25 miles southeast of Munich Saturday forced a night train to a halt in the fourth sabotage attempt on railways in Bavaria in the past few days, police officials said. Although there were no injuries and little damage in this latest attack, officials are not dismissing the possibility that the incident could be related to increasing terrorist activity throughout West Germany.

Last week trains traveling in Bavaria south of Munich were stopped when tree trunks blocked the tracks and unknown assailants tampered with overhead cables. Throughout West Germany, police and U.S. military installations beefed up security forces in anticipation of violence following the death Thursday of jailed terrorist Sigurd Debus, who died following a two-month hunger strike.

He and 26 other members of the Red Army Faction (RAF) and the June 2 Movement had refused to take food to draw attention to their demands for recognition as political prisoners and better conditions in West Ger-

many's high security jails. Although all of the other hunger striking terrorists in prisons ended their protest following Debus' death, sympathizers in many cities responded to the death by planting bombs, attacking police cars, smashing windows and holding demonstrations to show support for the terrorists.

About 2,000 demonstrators, watched by hundreds of police, marched silently through West Berlin Saturday. There was, however, only one incident, when a group of youths overturned a parked loudspeaker van used in the campaign for next month's city elections. Police detained four of the militants. Earlier, they arrested two youths who climbed a church tower to hang a poster supporting imprisoned urban guerrillas.

The West German police have launched a nationwide drive to find the trouble-makers. Authorities have stepped up routine checks along highway but the operation, which is scheduled to continue for several days, has not produced any results. Observers here believe that the action is intended to intimidate terrorists, who might be thinking of more spectacular operations.

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